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We should at least have had a point – Pellegrino

MAURICIO Pellegrino felt his side deserved at least a point after giving Manchester United a scare at St Mary's.

Things looked bleak for Saints when Romelu Lukaku opened the scoring at St Mary's in a comfortable first half for United.

But Saints came out flying in the second period, creating and missing a number of chances to get at least a draw.

In the end another home blank meant they were beaten 1-0, but Pellegrino felt a draw would have been deserved.

"Yes," said the Saints boss. "The football is efficiency and you have to score goals.

"I don't like to talk about good luck or bad luck because we have to score goals and we couldn't, but at the same time I think we play a good game.

"In general we control the game against Man U that is a team that it is really difficult to control even when they are defending because in counter attack they are really good, they have got pace, they are in direct play really strong.

"I think we did 90 per cent of the thing we were working really well and against these type of teams you have to play really well, really close to excellent to win games."



The Saints boss felt the side deserved more.

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A stunning second half not enough



Nathan Redmond gets his shot away.

Adam Leitch



TEAM NEWS

MAURICIO Pellegrino named an unchanged line-up for the visit of Manchester United to St Mary's.

The Saints boss stuck by the side who defeated Crystal Palace 1-0 at Selhurst Park last time out.

That meant Virgil van Dijk having to wait for his first start since January as he was again named on the bench.

Also among the subs for the first time this season

was Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg, along with Charlie Austin and Manolo Gabbiadini.

SAINTS: Forster, Cedric, Yoshida, Hoedt, Bertrand, Romeu, Lemina, Tadic, Davis, Redmond, Long.

Subs: McCarthy, van Dijk, Pied, Hojbjerg, Ward-Prowse, Gabbiadini, Austin.

MAN UNITED: De Gea, Valencia, Jones, Bailly, Young, Fellaini, Matic, Mata, Mkhitaryan, Rashford, Lukaku.

Subs: Romero, Smalling, Blind, Herrera, Carrick, Lingard, Martial.

SPIRITED Saints produced a stirring second half performance but couldn't find a goal at St Mary's yet again as they were beaten 1-0 by Manchester United.

Romelu Lukaku scored what proved to be the winner 20 minutes into a first half in which United were in total control.

Saints came out for the second period fired up and creating chances, but they weren't able to take one as they drew a blank at home for the ninth time in the last ten matches at St Mary's.

However, they still left with a sense of confidence and to a standing ovation for their efforts.

Before the game started new Saints majority owner Gao Jisheng was introduced to the St Mary's crowd and was given a warm welcome.

Saints started positively but were given a warning as to United's counter attacking speed as Dusan Tadic broke but went down in instalments on the edge of the box with referee Craig Pawson re-

fusing his appeals for a free kick.

United moved forward at speed, getting the ball to Marcus Rashford in space on the left. After he had cut across the face of the box and been challenged Henrikh Mkhitaryan hit a low shot from 20 yards that was a fairly simple save for Fraser Forster.

Nathan Redmond had half a chance for Saints on ten minutes as a corner broke to him but he slashed a tricky first time shot well wide.

United were proving to be a

class act and hard to contain, but Saints were working so hard to keep them at bay, even though they were increasing being pressed further and further back.

In the end the pressure told as United took the lead on 20 minutes.

United got the ball out to Ashley Young on the left, and he produced several drops of the shoulder to get a yard from Tadic to put in a right footed cross.

Romelu Lukaku was too strong for Wesley Hoedt and from the

edge of the six yard box put in a downward header. Forster got down to make a fantastic reaction save but the rebound was pushed to Lukaku whose somewhat scuffed shot bobbled in.

Rashford came close to adding another as he hit a central free kick that beat the wall but went narrowly wide of the post.

Saints were really struggling to impose themselves on the game with United looking both comfortable and very threatening.

From a Saints perspective their attacks were not particularly incisive and so often they were playing in front of United, while every time they tried to push up the counter attack was always on.

Shane Long became the first player in the book as he downed Marouane Fellaini from behind with a mistimed swing of his right boot. Young followed him after ploughing through the back of Tadic.

United threatened again before half time as Oriol Romeu gave the ball away and a quick break saw Lukaku lay a cross deep into the Saints six yard box but the sliding Hoedt got it away.

Saints ended the first period with a rare spell of pressure but

SAINTS



Mario Lemina on the ball for Saints.

when the whistle went they were grateful of the reprieve and the chance to come up with a fresh game plan to try and find a way back into the game.

Saints picked up where they left off with the major change being that they were trying to get the ball out wide and get round the outside rather than playing so much in front of United.

Romeu had a great chance to level the scores six minutes after the restart as Maya Yoshida deflected a corner and it broke to the midfielder just outside the six yard box.

He was arriving late under pressure but would have hoped to have hit the target rather than putting wide.

Redmond did well to work his way inside from the left wing and hit a right footed shot that David De Gea got down to save at his near post as Saints kept their forward momentum rolling.

Long was the next to have a sniff of goal but back peddling he was unable to guide a header on target.

Saints were really bossing the game, showing a new level of intensity, and it was United well and truly on the back foot and happy



Shane Long takes a load off during the match.

that referee Pawson deemed there no foul as Long went down on the edge of the area after a tussle with Phil Jones.

Jose Mourinho responded by making a first change on 62 minutes with Ander Herrera replacing Juan Mata.

Despite having to defend, United had plenty of danger up front still and Forster came to the rescue on 66 minutes as Mkhitarjan slipped in Lukaku who got a first time shot on target but the Saints keeper saved with his legs.

Romeu got a header on target

from a right wing corner, arrowing it back towards the opposite corner, but Fellaini had retreated and headed it clear before it could threaten the goal.

Redmond worked De Gea with a drilled low shot from distance as Saints kept pressing forward in search of an equaliser.

Pellegrino made an attacking change on 73 minutes, bringing on Manolo Gabbiadini for Steven Davis as the Italian and Long almost played as a strike pair.

United responded with a defensive substitution with Chris

Smalling replacing Mkhitarjan.

Romeu came close again as he got on the end of a sumptuous Saints passing move but his shot across goal from a tight angle drifted wide of the far post.

United could have sealed it moments later as Lukaku got to the left by-line and cut back to Herrera who had time to control and pick his spot from inside the area but fired over the bar.

Pellegrino had one final roll of the dice with seven minutes remaining as Charlie Austin and James Ward-Prowse came on for Long and Cedric.

After a scrappy period Saints knew they had four minutes of added time to try and get something for their efforts.

There was a late change for United as Daley Blind came on for Rashford.

Mourinho was sent to the stands for something he said in the heated final moments, shaking hands with pretty much everyone in the Saints dugout before he departed, but in the end there was to be no further goals as United held on for the win.

Thousands of fans hit by M3 chaos

THOUSANDS of football fans heading to Southampton were hit by travel chaos after police closed a Hampshire motorway.

The M3 was shut in both directions near Winchester after what was described as "potentially hazardous material" was found in the carriageway between junctions 9 and 11.

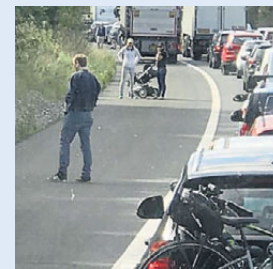
Fans travelling to the Saints vs Manchester United match at St Mary's were among those caught up in the chaos. Many are thought to have either missed the game or arrived late.

Some of those who took to social media called for the kick-off to be postponed for at least half an hour.

Scott Sartin tweeted: "Any chance of delaying KO? It's my son's birthday and we are stuck in severe delays due to M3 closure."

The incident, which began just before 4am, was attended by a hazardous area response team and a tactical adviser from South Central Ambulance Service.

A few hours later a Royal Navy bomb disposal team



Drivers left their cars and relaxed on the hard shoulder.

was also sent to the scene. One of the pictures posted on social media showed someone in protective clothing examining something beneath a bridge over the motorway.

At noon queues on the M3 were reported to be three miles long as drivers waited to leave the M3.

Romanse, Hampshire County Council's travel information service, said Winchester city centre and all the routes in were gridlocked.

One man abandoned his journey from Basingstoke to Bournemouth after it took him three hours to travel ten miles.

Both carriageways reopened in the afternoon but police have yet to release any further information about the incident.

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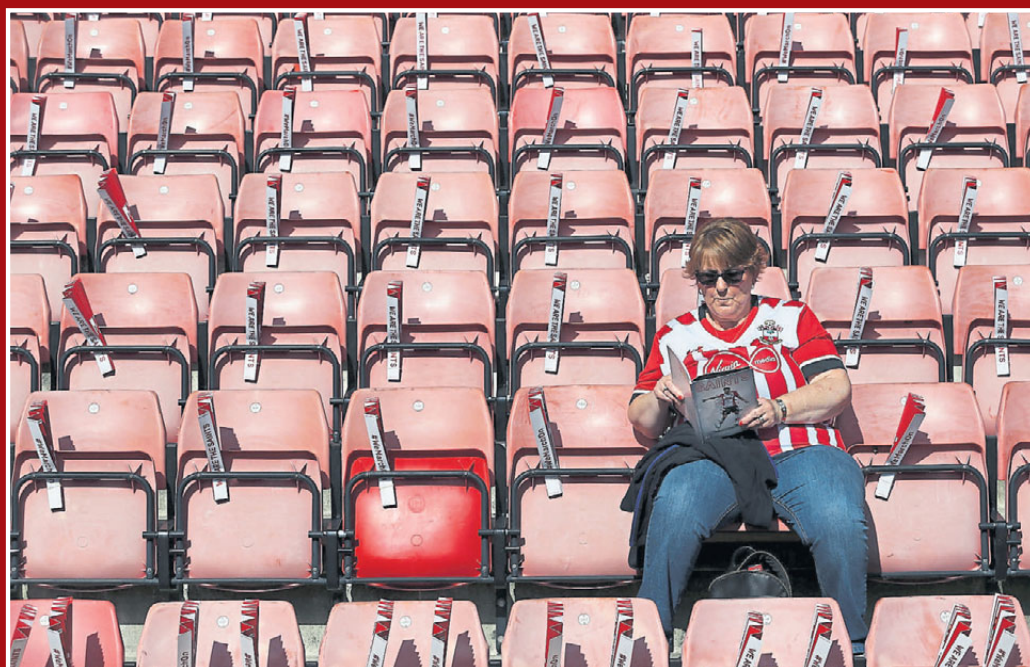
Virgil van Dijk warming up.



Fans try to get photos of Man United players as they arrive at the stadium.



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Morata grabs hat-trick

CHELSEA continued to show there is life after Diego Costa with another Premier League victory at Stoke, with Alvaro Morata scoring a hat-trick in a 4-0 win.

Morata, the club-record signing bought to replace Costa, was on the scoresheet again early on before Pedro extended the lead on the half-hour mark.

Both goals came from defensive mistakes by Stoke, whose manager Mark Hughes had demanded a response from his players following the disappointing midweek defeat at Bristol City in the Carabao Cup. He did not get it, with Morata rounding off the win in the final quarter-hour.

The game was just over a minute old when Cesar Azpilicueta's long ball forward dissected Stoke's makeshift back line and allowed the lethal Morata to take a touch and finish calmly past Jack Butland.

With Kurt Zouma, on loan from Chelsea, ineligible against his parent club and Ryan Shawcross, Geoff Cameron and Kevin Wimmer all out injured, Glen Johnson, making his first Premier League start of the season, and Erik Peters played either side of Bruno Martins Indi in Stoke's central defensive three and Chelsea capitalised on the unfamiliarity immediately.

It was Morata's fourth league goal since joining the club in the summer from Real Madrid with the impending departure of Costa in mind.

Relations between Costa and Chelsea manager Antonio Conte began to deteriorate in January when the striker reportedly had his head turned by a big-money offer from the Chinese Super League, which soon evaporated.

It was further strained over the summer with the player – having initially been granted an additional summer break after being told he could leave the club – ending up in exile in Brazil.

But on Thursday a deal was agreed for Costa to return to his former club Atletico Madrid and that move should be finalised next week.

Morata has so far proved to be an able successor and only a timely interception from Martins Indi denied him the chance of a second goal.

Chelsea's second goal arrived after 30 minutes and it came from another mistake. Darren Fletcher attempted to chest the ball down to Martins Indi but got the weight wrong, allowing Pedro through on goal to score with a lovely finish from the edge of the penalty area.

That was hard on Stoke, who had the champions on the back foot for much of the first half without really troubling goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and arguably enjoyed the better of the second half up until Morata's late double.

Mame Diouf went close for the hosts with an acrobatic effort just before half-time while on the other side of the break the same player slid another shot narrowly wide following a knockdown from substitute Peter Crouch. Courtois then kept out a header from Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting with 74 minutes on the clock.

Most inside the bet365 Stadium could sense a goal coming, but it was a surprise when Chelsea scored it three minutes later as Morata accelerated past Johnson and Fletcher before clipping the ball beyond Butland.

He completed his hat-trick in the 82nd minute when Azpilicueta and Cesc Fábregas combined to lay on a tap-in and seal a fourth win in five Premier League matches for Conte's team.

CHERRIES

Cherries watch



Everton 2 Cherries 1

A SECOND-HALF double from Oumar Niasse meant Cherries suffered a dramatic 2-1 defeat against Everton at Goodison Park.

The Senegalese striker netted twice in the final 13 minutes to condemn Cherries to their fifth league loss in six encounters this season.

Joshua King's 49th minute goal looked to have set Eddie Howe's men on their way to a memorable victory over the Blues before Niasse came off the bench to give the Merseyside club an important home victory.

Cherries went into the contest having made three changes from the side which beat Brighton 2-1 previously in the Premier League.

Having come through the midweek Carabao Cup tie against the Seagulls unscathed, winger Junior Stanislas made his first league appearance of the campaign since returning from a groin injury.

Midfielder Dan Gosling returned and there was also a start for Jordon Ibe, who impressed during his previous two performances against Albion in both league and cup.

Harry Arter was out of the match day squad all together for Cherries through injury, while Ryan Fraser and Marc Pugh dropped to the bench against the Toffees.

Hosts Everton brought in Mason Holgate at centre-half in place of the injured Michael Keane, skipper Phil Jagielka was also an absentee.

Despite victory in the cup over Sunderland last time out, Ronald Koeman's side had lost three games without scoring in the league ahead of their battle with Cherries.

Those defeats came against Manchester United, Tottenham and Chelsea.

Everton came closest to opening the scoring on seven minutes.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin headed just wide after skipper for the afternoon Leighton Baines had advanced from left-back to cross.

Cuco Martina then got forward from the opposite flank for the Blues and, with plenty of time to deliver, his ball in was well held by Asmir Begovic in the home goal.

Midfielder Morgan Schneiderlin was booked for a late challenge on Andrew Surman before Cherries recorded their first shot on goal.

Jermain Defoe worked the ball back to Stanislas, whose low effort was gathered by keeper Jordan Pickford at his near post.

Appeals for a penalty to the



home side were then waved away by referee Martin Atkinson.

After Calvert-Lewin's initial strike was blocked, Gylfi Sigurdsson went down under the challenge of Gosling with nothing given by the match official.

There were soon Everton appeals again in Cherries' box in a flashpoint on 35 minutes.

Wayne Rooney was left with a

nasty cut above his left eye after colliding with visiting skipper Simon Francis.

As the pair jumped for a header following Martina's cross, the former England captain claimed he had been elbowed by the Cherries defender but referee Atkinson did not agree.

With Francis left without a caution, Rooney was forced off to re-

ceive further treatment as Cherries looked to finish the second half strongly.

Defoe burst down the right channel and stood the ball up for Stanislas at the back post but full-back Martina was there to head behind.

Just three minutes after the break, the Dorset club took the lead.

CHERRIES



lead slip away



Everton's Gylfi Sigurdsson shoots as Adam Smith attempts the block.



The challenge left Rooney with a face gash.

Charlie Daniels found space on the left to slide the ball into King, who drove inside and fired into the corner of the net through the legs of Ashley Williams, after avoiding the challenge of Holgate.

And soon after, the visitors had a golden opportunity to make it 2-0.

After Everton gave the ball away in midfield, King released

Defoe who was denied by Pickford after running in one-on-one.

Rooney's frustrating afternoon then came to an end on 55 minutes.

He gave the referee's assistant a piece of his mind after being replaced by Niasse.

The home fans continued to be frustrated as Cherries battled to keep their advantage intact.

A corner played in by the hosts looked to have been flicked goalwards by Holgate, only for Andrew Surman to stab the ball off the line.

But the pressure eventually told as the Toffees got their leveller on 77 minutes.

Substitute Tom Davies played the ball into Niasse, who managed to find space to slot the ball

past Begovic and level the game up.

And Niasse was on hand to turn the game on its head and net the winner nine minutes from time.

After Davies's shot looped towards the back post, the front-man got the vital touch to send the home fans into raptures at 2-1 and leave Cherries with nothing to show for their efforts.

Aguero close to City goal record

SERGIO Aguero moved within a goal of Manchester City's all-time record as Pep Guardiola's men thrashed bottom side Crystal Palace 5-0 in the Premier League.

Aguero headed a Leroy Sane cross through the grasp of Wayne Hennessey for his 176th goal in City colours during the second half of another commanding display at the Etihad Stadium.

The prolific Argentinian now needs just one more goal to equal the record tally of Eric Brook, which has stood since 1939.

Leaders City were already well on the way to victory when Aguero struck their fourth in the 79th minute after an opener from Leroy Sane and quickfire double from Raheem Sterling. Substitute Fabian Delph added a superb late fifth.

For Palace the misery continues, although they showed signs of looking more organised under the guidance of former England boss Roy Hodgson.

The Londoners have failed to win in six games without scoring – the longest wait for a first goal of the season in top-flight history.

They did trouble the hosts at times in the first half but the result never looked in doubt after Sane's 44th-minute breakthrough.

Such are City's attacking options that Gabriel Jesus was left on the bench with Aguero up front alone, with Sane and Sterling in support.

They immediately went onto the front foot and Palace survived an early scare as Mamadou Sakho headed a Kevin De Bruyne onto his own post.

Sane fired a low shot across goal and Benjamin Mendy had an effort deflected wide as City maintained the pressure. Nicolas Otamendi then had an effort blocked and Fernandinho's follow-up was parried by Hennessey before Sterling also shot at the Palace goalkeeper.

Throughout this initial dominance from the home side, Palace remained unflustered and started to grow into the game.

Counter-attacking opportunities arose and Ruben Loftus-Cheek twice went close as he had a shot deflected onto the post and then miskicked in front of goal.

City suffered a blow when Mendy was forced off after injuring his knee in a challenge on Andros Townsend, for which he was also booked.

City stepped up the tempo before the interval with Aguero sidefooting over from a Sane cross before the German himself opened the scoring.

It came from a slick move in which Sane combined well with David Silva and raced onto the Spaniard's lobbed return pass. Sane flicked the ball over Scott Dann's head with his first touch and then calmly slid it past Hennessey with his second.

That made for a second half stroll for City. Sparking a flurry of activity, Sterling doubled the lead after 51 minutes as he raced into the middle to turn home a low Sane cross.

Sterling's second came just eight minutes later as he diverted home an Aguero pull-back from close range.

Sane had a shot saved by Hennessey but Aguero, denied earlier by Hennessey's feet, got in on the act with a powerful header late on.

There was still time for more and Delph, making his first league appearance since April, curled a fine shot into the top corner in the 89th minute.

PREMIER LEAGUE



King hoping for kickstart

JOSHUA King is hoping back-to-back wins over Brighton can kick-start Bournemouth's season.

The Cherries picked up their first Premier League points of the campaign with a 2-1 comeback win over Chris Hughton's side last Friday.

They then followed it up as King scored the only goal in an extra-time victory in the Carabao Cup third-round clash against the Seagulls on Tuesday.

"We started the season badly, by our standards, but we know where we need to be," he said.

"Even though we won on Friday, we know we can do better.

"We showed against Manchester City (in a 2-1 defeat) how good we can be so we just need to focus and work hard."

King opened his account for the campaign after coming off the bench and combining with fellow substitute Marc Pugh in a game which saw the sides make a total of 19 changes from Friday's league outing.

"It's good to get off the mark," the Norway international said.



Josh King

"It's my first goal of the season and one that you're always looking to get. The fact that it was one that really helped the team was pleasing."

● Holders Manchester United will travel to Swansea in the fourth round of the Carabao Cup. Jose Mourinho's side beat Championship Burton 4-1 at Old Trafford to secure their place in the draw.

Chelsea, 5-1 winners against Nottingham Forest, will welcome Everton – who beat Sunderland 3-0 – to Stamford Bridge.

Tottenham host London rivals West Ham at Wembley and Manchester City entertain Championship Wolves.

Arsenal will also welcome Championship opposition to the Emirates in the shape of Norwich.

Crystal Palace will be wary of an upset when they travel to Bristol City, Leicester host Leeds and Bournemouth face Middlesbrough at home.

The fourth-round draw took place on familiar turf – and at a reasonable hour – in the Sky Sports studios in west London, rather than its controversial trip to Bangkok or the bizarre decision to hold it in Beijing in the early hours of the morning.

Ties will take place during the week commencing October 23.

AFC Wimbledon face probe over Dons

AFC WIMBLEDON could face disciplinary action for failing to recognise bitter rivals MK Dons by their full name for the second successive season.

Friday night's programme for the Kingmeadow clash did not reference the home side's opponents either on the cover or inside, while their official Twitter feed sim-

ply referred to Robbie Neilson's team as Milton Keynes throughout their match coverage.

The rivalry stems from the original Wimbledon side, who won the FA Cup in 1988, relocating to Milton Keynes in 2002.

The EFL had contacted AFC Wimbledon before the match to ensure there would be no

repeat of last season's situation, but the club appear to have ignored their request.

The EFL Board will now investigate the matter, which could be referred to a Disciplinary Commission.

If the club is charged with a breach of EFL regulations then the matter would be referred to a Disciplinary Commission.

Stark difference between the amateurs and the pros

Peter Howard



AMATEUR players across the country convince themselves they could make it as professionals – but a new study shows the stark differences in performance.

Analysis from football GPS tracker Playertek shows that Premier League players are around 20 per cent faster and cover nearly 35 per cent more distance per game, on average, than their amateur counterparts.

And the differences are even more notable in certain areas of the pitch, with England flyers Jamie Vardy and Marcus Rashford almost 30 per cent quicker than the typical amateur striker.

The study compared data from an unnamed Premier League club to that collected from amateur teams – defined as "either five-a-side and 11-a-side players from non-league sides, normally made up of a group of friends or colleagues, as opposed to 'sub-elite' teams such as teams in leagues five to eight".

Level eight refers to Division One of the Northern Premier League, Southern League and Isthmian League.

TOP SPEED

The top sprinting speed of an average Premier League player was recorded at 8.48 metres per second, with significant variation across the field.

Players in more advanced positions were typically quickest, with top-flight forwards averaging a top speed of 9.20mps and the likes of Vardy, Rashford and Saints striker Shane Long clocked at close to 9.8mps during last season.

That compared to an average of 7.58mps for the amateur strikers in the study.

Amateur defenders were the slowest players in the study, but the difference between them and



Saints striker Shane Long in action at Selhurst Park last week.

their top-level counterparts was smaller than for any other position at 18.63 per cent.

DISTANCE COVERED

Not surprisingly, the same trend is present when the study looks at the overall amount of running done by players at each level.

This time the difference is most pronounced in defence, where Premier League players are expected to contribute to multiple phases of the game – full-backs will overlap to put in crosses, while central defenders are often comfortable bringing the ball out from the back to start counter-attacks.

That contributed to the professional defenders in the study covering 10.51 kilometres per match on average, nearly 45 per cent more than their amateur equivalents who perhaps conform more to the "tackle and hoof" stereotype.

Amateur teams are clearly putting their "athletes" in midfield, where their average climbs to 8.37km – though even that is nearly 35 per cent down on Premier League midfielders' mark of 11.27km.

Sports scientist Chris Barnes said: "The greater technical proficiency of professional players results in greater match 'tempo' and

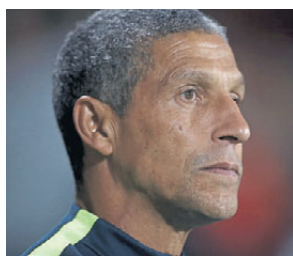
the ball being in play for a much greater proportion of a match, both of which are contributory factors in their superior running performances."

Regarding the top speed figures, he added: "In many professional games, players won't actually reach maximum speed – something to be applauded as this is often related to their capacity to 'read' and manage a game.

"The key is that professionals have the capacity for greater performances but due to greater collective efficiency and football smartness, are not always required to draw upon these reserves."

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PREMIER LEAGUE



Chris Hughton.

Hughton wants fans to bring noise

CHRIS Hughton wants Brighton fans to turn up the volume at the Amex Stadium to help keep their side in the Premier League.

Newcastle head to the south coast for Sunday's Premier League encounter between the Sky Bet Championship's top two

last season.

"It will be vitally important for us. It is the law of averages that each team will probably get more points at home than away," Hughton said.

"We were very good at home last season and wonderful support

that if anything got stronger and better as the season wore on, so far this season they have been excellent.

"They will turn up in their thousands and do their best to get behind the team, but we have to give them something to cheer."

Controversy dogs England bosses

Mark Staniforth

MARK Sampson has been sacked as manager of the England Women's team for conduct during his time in charge of Bristol Academy. Here, the Sports Pink looks at some other England football bosses who courted controversy during their reigns.

Sam Allardyce (2016)

Allardyce was implicated in a BBC Panorama investigation titled 'Football's dirty secrets' in 2006, which alleged he had taken bribes. Allardyce denied wrongdoing. He left his dream job as England boss after just one game in 2016 after undercover reporters posing as businessmen filmed him offering advice on circumventing rules on third party ownership and negotiating a £400,000 deal which he stated would need the approval of the FA.

Sven-Goran Eriksson (2001-06)

The Swede, England's first foreign boss, guided the so-called 'Golden Generation' to the 2002 World Cup quarter-finals. He also led David Beckham, Michael Owen, Steven Gerrard and company to a 5-1 win over Germany in Munich. But latterly he became known for alleged relationships with television presenter Ulrika Jonsson and FA employee Faria Alam, as well as the 'Fake Sheikh' sting where he was covertly recorded saying, among other things, that he would be willing to leave the national team to manage Aston Villa if England won the 2006 World Cup.

Terry Venables (1994-96)

Venables was involved in an acrimonious dispute with Alan



Glenn Hoddle during his time as England manager.

Sugar when at Tottenham and his appointment by the FA was controversial. Labour MP Kate Hoey said Venables' business affairs during his time with Spurs were being investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry. Venables denied the claims, but they dogged him.

Glenn Hoddle (1996-99)

Hoddle had to defend his unusu-

al management methods, which included the employment of faith healer Eileen Drewery. Was sacked in February 1999, just a few days after giving an interview in which he suggested the disabled were being punished for sins in a former life. Hoddle insisted his words were misinterpreted.

Don Revie (1974-1977)

Allegations of financial im-

propriety – bribes, bungs, being driven by money – dogged Revie in his latter career and came to the surface as his spell in charge of England was unravelling. Brian Clough was one of his fiercest critics, perhaps aggrieved Revie was chosen for the England job – as successor to World Cup winner Sir Alf Ramsey – ahead of him. Revie's style of play with Leeds, while successful, was also controversial due to the physicality.

All change for the cup

TEAMS competing in the Carabao Cup third round averaged almost eight changes a side as questions continue over the competition's relevance.

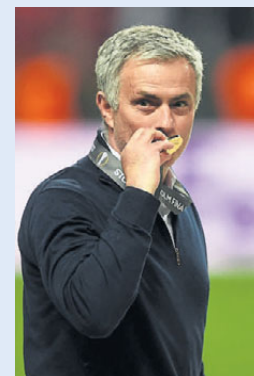
Figures collected reveal the extent of the changes made across the midweek knockout games.

Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho said he could see the argument for saying the English game would be better off without the League Cup after his team beat Burton at Old Trafford on Wednesday night.

Both sides made nine line-up changes from their respective league games at the weekend, and Mourinho said: "If you ask me could English football survive or even be better without this competition? Maybe."

"Maybe we would be fresher for European competitions, for example."

Two teams – Arsenal and Aston Villa – made 11 changes, although in the Gunners' case they were still strong enough to beat League 1 club Doncaster, who made the joint-lowest number



Jose Mourinho

(two, along with Bristol Rovers).

Brighton, West Ham and Middlesbrough made 10 switches apiece, but the latter two progressed to the last 16 with wins over Bolton and Villa respectively.

In total there were 245 changes, which averaged out across the 32 teams as 7.66 changes per side.

Changes per side

11 – Arsenal, Aston Villa

10 – Brighton, Middlesbrough, West Ham

9 – Bournemouth, Bristol City, Burton, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Huddersfield, Leeds, Manchester United, Reading

8 – Everton, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Wolves

7 – Bolton, Brentford, Burnley, Swansea

6 – Stoke, Sunderland, Tottenham

5 – Barnsley, Norwich

4 – West Brom

2 – Bristol Rovers, Doncaster

Barry set for new record

Gareth Barry joined Ryan Giggs as the Premier League's all-time record appearance-maker when he started for West Brom against West Ham on Saturday. He will hold the record on his own if he starts against Arsenal on Monday.

Here, we look at the 36-year-old former England midfielder's career in numbers.

632 – the appearance record he now shares with Giggs.

600 – he is the first player to start 600 games in the competition.

52 – goals scored by Barry in his top-flight career, 41 of them for Aston Villa including nine in his most prolific season in 2007-08.

4 – clubs Barry has played for in the Premier League – Villa, Manchester City, Everton and now West Brom.



Gareth Barry

21 – seasons in the elite for Barry.

2 – major trophies – the 2011 FA Cup and 2011-12 Premier League, both with City.

53 – England caps, with three goals.

2,000 – Barry's header against Sweden in November 2011 was England's 2,000th goal in international football.

2 – Barry won two Everton player-of-the-season awards in the 2015-16 campaign, when he was voted as the top performer by both his team-mates and the club's fans.

119 – Barry's tally of PL yellow cards is also an all-time record, with Wayne Rooney the only other player to have racked up 100. Barry has also been sent off six times.

CHERRIES

Globetrotter – at the age of just 21

Dan Rose

EMERSON Hyndman's global footballing experiences have been astounding for a player of just 21.

Having started at FC Dallas before being snapped up by Fulham at 15, he captained the United States in the under-20 World Cup in New Zealand two years ago.

The youngster has also represented the States' senior side and made his international debut in Prague against the Czech Republic.

One of his most recent exploits while being part of the set-up at Cherries saw him take on a fruitful loan spell at Scottish giants Rangers in January and he proved a huge hit.

A far cry from the soccer set-ups in the US, Hyndman insisted his 17-game spell with the Gers helped him develop as a player.

He said: "It was a good chance to go out and play some games."

"I worked hard over the four or five months I was here beforehand, so to get the opportunity to play some games at such a big club was a good opportunity for me. I really enjoyed it."

"When you get that exposure and pressure at a big club, you are expected to perform week in, week out."

"It's a big pressure to take on and I was happy. I felt like I dealt with it quite well and it will do me good moving on."

Hyndman was named young player of the year at Ibrox, despite only signing during the second-half of the campaign.

Derbies

An experience the midfielder will not forget in a hurry was the chance to feature in three Old Firm derbies.

Hyndman played 90 minutes in a 1-1 draw between Celtic and Rangers at Celtic Park in March before getting 70 minutes in the 2-0 Scottish Cup semi-final defeat against the Bhoys at Hampden Park.

A further humbling happened in a 5-1 reverse for Hyndman's loan club against Celtic at Ibrox shortly after, in which he played for just under an hour.

Crowds averaging more than 50,000 were in attendance across those three fixtures and Hyndman insisted the derby clashes were "crazy".

He said: "Being American,



Emerson Hyndman celebrates a goal during his Rangers loan spell.

playing in Europe is different, let alone playing in one of those derbies.

"The rivalries are a lot more historic."

"It was crazy because I got the chance to play in three different venues as well in those games, so I got the full experience."

A stress fracture to his foot curtailed Hyndman's Scottish exploits before the end of last season.

But having now reached a full recovery, he is looking to make an impact at Cherries.

Asked about his recent injury problems, Hyndman said: "It's tough when you get injured, especially with mine."

"It was over a summer and I had

to work on it. I came back and it still wasn't right."

"It was one of those things that kept popping up and little feelings kept coming back."

"I didn't want it to happen all over again."

"We had to take a step back and re-evaluate it but, once we got the all-clear, it was all good to go."

"It was a frustrating time but all that work has benefitted me now."

History

Hyndman has already made a little piece of history during his time with Cherries this season.

During the Carabao Cup extra-time victory over Brighton on Tuesday, he became the first man from the club to be used as a

fourth substitute in cup competitions.

He replaced Ryan Fraser in the 117th minute.

And on his ambitions for the future, Hyndman is eager to stake his claim for a place in Cherries' first-team plans.

"The gaffer told me he sees me in and around it this year so all I can do is work hard in training and see where it takes me," he added.

"Playing in the first team and getting involved in the match days is a big thing for me."

"I am optimistic. I'm training hard every day and doing my best to try to impress."

"It's just making that next jump and achieving that next target."



NON LEAGUE



WINCHESTER CITY 3 MANGOTSFIELD

Late goals cap a dominant display

Wendy Gee



WINCHESTER City hit two late goals to crown a 3-0 win over lowly Mangotsfield United at the Simplyhealth City Ground.

Having taken a third-minute lead through Pat Cox, the Citizens played the whole of the second-half against ten men, but didn't add to their tally until Rob Carr and Oli Bailey struck in the closing stages of a one-sided Evo-Stik South West contest.

City made a fittingly bright start on a sunny September afternoon and took just three minutes to get their noses in front.

Skipper Jamie Barron delivered a free-kick from the right which was cutely laid off by big defender Josh Harfield for Pat Cox to sweep home his fifth goal in as many days.

The Mangos were their own worst enemy, giving away a succession of free-kicks.

But it was from another set-piece, a 25th corner that they so nearly fell further into arrears.

After Harfield had crashed a header against the bar, the visitors somehow survive a flurry of follow-up shots before the danger passed.

Two defensive bookings for Jake Gardener and Josh Jones didn't help the Mangotsfield cause, but they were unlucky not to level on 35 minutes when a deep cross from the left narrowly unaided James Batchelor at the far post.

Back came City with another precision delivery by Barron, this time from the left, but striker Oli Bailey couldn't quite get enough power on his diving header.

After 45 minutes riddled with fouls from the visitors, Mangotsfield were reduced to ten men in stoppage time when Jones picked-up a second yellow for a clumsy challenge on Winchester winger Rob Carr.

Half-time: Winchester City 1 Mangotsfield United 0

The start to the second-half was delayed by an ankle injury to referee Ben Knight, forcing one of his assistants to step in.

City continued on the front foot against the ten men, playing all the football but having little joy in front of goal.

Defender Rob Flooks created a



Winchester's Jamie Barron on the ball.



Pat Cox scores in the third minute of the game.

chance for himself from Barron's corner but shot straight at keeper Thom Jonkerman.

Carr then had an effort disallowed before expertly teeing-up Bailey whose header didn't match

the quality of the assist.

With City piling forward, it was then Carr's turn to be wasteful. Cox's cushioned header picked him out free in front of goal, but his soft shot barely tested Jonker-

man.

Barron then found himself one-on-one with the keeper, but somehow the midfielder got his feet in a tangle, allowing Jonkerman to intercept.

As the clock ticked down, the Mangotsfield No 1 excelled himself by saving with his feet after Bailey had twisted and turned his way into a shooting position.

Then, as Winchester surged forward again, Jonkerman smothered Cox's goalbound effort at the foot of his near-post.

After so many missed opportunities, City presented the Mangos with an 86th minute free-kick on the edge of the box but Robert Hobbs sent his effort over from a dangerous position.

Just when it looked as if Winchester would never add to their lead, they trebled it in the space of two minutes.

Carr was first to strike, sliding the ball home from sub Andy Jenkinson's assist following an 88th minute throw-in.

And before the visitors could catch their breath, the tiny figure of Bailey held-off a defender almost twice his size before lashing in number three.

Spurs' relief in tight win

HARRY Kane admits Tottenham breathed a sigh of relief after holding off West Ham's fightback to claim a 3-2 win at the London Stadium.

Kane's first-half double sent Spurs on their way and Christian Eriksen looked to have wrapped up the points on the hour mark before the Hammers hit back.

Javier Hernandez headed home after 65 minutes and Spurs right-back Serge Aurier was then sent off for a second bookable offence shortly after to make it a nervy finish.

Cheikhou Kouyate reduced West Ham's deficit further with three minutes remaining but Tottenham held on to extend their unbeaten run to six games in all competitions.

Kane told Sky Sports: "Yeah (it was a relief),



Harry Kane

obviously when you're 3-0 up in a game and you end up going to 3-2 it's always a bit nerve-racking, especially when you're down to 10 men.

"It is a fantastic result away from home, obviously going 3-0 up we would have liked to have seen it out a bit better, but a win is a win and we're delighted with it."

Kane took his tally in the Premier League this season to four and he now has 21 goals in London derbies.

The England striker added: "Obviously I see stuff going round on social media but I don't really think about stuff like that too much, I want to score against every team I play against."

"For some reason London derbies seem to suit me but it's fantastic. I'm delighted to get a couple of goals and help the team."

NON LEAGUE

Gr-eight
away win

GOAL-hungry Salisbury travelled to lowly Yate this weekend aiming to continue their stunning Southern League West run of form.

Remarkably, Steve Claridge's men have netted EIGHT times in each of their last two league games.

Ex-Poole striker Marvin Brooks cracked a hat-trick on September 9 when the Whites romped to an 8-0 win at Shortwood United.

Then, on Tuesday of this week, Brooks scored twice more as Salisbury battered Cirencester 8-2 at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

Kane O'Keefe (2), Chris Shephard, Rhys Baggridge, Stuart Green and Tom Whelan were also on target against Cirencester.

Lewis Benson, Sam



Steve Claridge.

Roberts, Whelan, O'Keefe and Green had joined Brooks on the scoresheet at Shortwood.

Despite those goal bursts, though, Claridge was still frustrated only 455 fans watched the latest rout.

That was after Salisbury attracted a crowd of almost 1,000 for last weekend's FA Cup tie with Poole Town.

"I am really disappointed with the crowd," Claridge said.

"If all it takes is one bad result for people not to turn up, then it's a pretty poor show."

"I don't really know what people are looking for and they have missed out, because it's the best £9 anyone will ever spend."

He added: "In this game I really wanted to go out there and make a real good go of it and give the people that turned up a good game of football to watch and make it entertaining - and that's what we did."

Romsey's Hants
Senior Cup upset

Simon
Walter



Romsey Town 2
AFC Totton 2

(Romsey won 6-5 on penalties)

ROMSEY Town goalkeeper Jordan Westbrook saved three penalties in a dramatic shoot-out as the Wessex One outfit produced the shock of the Hampshire Senior Cup second round against AFC Totton.

Town HSC winners in 2010 and 2011, twice took the lead but Totton midfielder Charlie Gunson hit two equalisers to take the game to spot-kicks.

Romsey took an early lead when Josh Harvey pounced on a loose ball inside the box.

Indi Elezi missed the chance to double the lead from close range before Gunson squeezed in Totton's first equaliser.

Totton goalkeeper Shane Murphy expertly tipped Joao Aldeano's fierce right foot shot around the post before the hosts took a 2-1 half-time lead.

Elezi latched onto a through ball and hit a powerful shot across Murphy into the corner of the net. AFC Totton striker Craig Feeney hit the post with a second-half penalty, before Gunson stabbed home the second equaliser from close range following a corner.

Shortly before the final whistle, Romsey were reduced to ten men when substitute Wayne Boud was shown a straight red card following a scuffle with Adam Wilde.

As in the previous round Romsey keeper Westbrook was the hero, saving three penalties before Craig Bryant scored the winning spot kick.

Town manager Andy Samuels said: "We knew it wasn't going to be an easy game, but I can't fault the players."

"I'm very proud of the performance they delivered against a side two divisions above us."

"Nights like tonight make all the tough times seem completely worth it."

Totton manager Louis Langdown rested Nathaniel Sherborne, Ian Oliver and Connor Yorke, while on-loan duo Alfie Whittingham (Havant & Waterlooville) and Jack Barker (Aldershot) were ineligible.

Langdown said: "We made five changes to our team from the previous Saturday but, no disrespect to Romsey, we would have beaten them 99 times out of 100."



Action from Romsey Town's Hampshire Senior Cup win against AFC Totton at the Bypass Ground on Tuesday night (picture: Romsey Town FC)

"Our players are a little bit spoilt with the facilities at Totton, they thought they could just turn up and roll them over but we didn't do enough."

"The game was devoid of any real quality."

"We're better than that and have been all season."

"We've been getting a lot of compliments for the way we've been playing in the league."

"Credit to Romsey, they huffed and puffed and that but our players let themselves and the club down on Tuesday."

● **Alresford** beat in-form **Eversley** **California** 5-4 on spot kicks after a 3-3 draw.

The home side took a sixth-minute lead, but were 2-1 down at half-time before scoring twice in the last ten minutes.

Eversley, top of the Cherry Red

Records Combined Counties Football League equalised with an 88th-minute free-kick to take the tie to spot-kicks.

Fareham came back from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 during a dramatic second half at Cams Alders - only to lose 4-3 to **Christchurch**.

Christchurch took an 11th-minute lead through Max Wilcock, who restored it shortly after Curt Robbins 34th-minute equaliser.

Richard Gillespie made it 3-1 at the break before Sammy Kessack pulled one back on the hour.

Within ten minutes Fareham were level - but Harvey Wright scored a 76th-minute winner.

Ayo Obileye scored the winner as **Eastleigh** came from behind to beat National League rivals **Al-dershot** 2-1.

Fabian Robert gave the Shots an early lead with a brilliant chip,

but the Spitfires equalised with a 40th-minute own goal from Ross Stearn's cross.

Obileye nodded the 71st-minute winner following Craig McAllister's header back across goal.

Blackfield & Langley thrashed **Folland Sports** 8-0 with the help of Kane Daysh hat-trick.

Patrick Cox scored four, including three headers, as **Winchester City** beat **East Cowes Vics** 6-2.

Dan Mason missed a penalty as **Sholing** crashed 3-0 at **Moneyfields**.

Other HSC round two results: Hartley Wintney 6 Brockenhurst 0, Cove FC 1 Hamble Club 7, Basingstoke Town 5 Gosport Borough 0, Fleet Spurs 1 Havant & Waterlooville 9, New Milton Town 0 AFC Portchester 2, Tadley Calleva 4 Bashley 2, Horndean 1 Bournemouth Poppies 3

NON LEAGUE



Sam Matthews has rejoined Eastleigh on loan from Cherries until January



Former Pompey and Cherries midfielder Danny Hollands signed from Crewe in June



Former Colchester winger Mark Yeates signed from Notts County in July



Defender Andrew Boyce, 27, was a free transfer from Grimsby in July

New signings need to deliver

**Simon
Walter**



EASTLEIGH'S new-look team was frustrated by a fifth draw in six National League outings ahead of today's trip to in-form Hartlepool.

This time last season, Eastleigh had 18 points from their first 11 matches under Ronnie Moore, but they made the 300-mile trip to the Victoria Ground with 13 after last week's 2-2 draw against AFC Fylde at the Silverlake Stadium.

Several recent signings mean the team is very different - but the Spitfires remain in mid-table.

Experienced new boys Mark Yeates and Gary McSheffrey combined to give them a 2-1 lead against AFC Fylde.



Reda Johnson celebrates scoring Eastleigh's first goal last week

Former Bradford City star Yeates showed his class with the assist before McSheffrey applied the sort of finish that persuaded Birmingham City to pay £4m for

him earlier in his career.

But a first home win in four National League home games is badly needed against Chester next Saturday.



Callum Howe has been captaining Eastleigh since signing on loan from Lincoln till January



Gary McSheffrey scored his first Eastleigh goal last week after his recent move from Doncaster

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NEXT WEEK'S FOOTBALL

Tuesday, September 26

Championship: Barnsley v Queens Park Rangers, Brentford v Derby County, Bristol City v Bolton Wanderers, Burton Albion v Aston Villa, Cardiff City v Leeds United, Hull City v Preston North End, Ipswich Town v Sunderland, Middlesbrough v Norwich City, Millwall v Reading, Nottingham Forest v Fulham

League One: Blackburn Rovers v Rotherham United, Blackpool v Rochdale, Bradford City v Fleetwood Town, Bury v Oxford United, Doncaster Rovers v Shrewsbury Town, Gillingham v Scunthorpe United, Milton Keynes Dons v Northampton Town, Oldham Athletic v Peterborough United, Portsmouth v Bristol Rovers, Southend United v AFC Wimbledon, Walsall v Charlton Athletic, Wigan Athletic v Plymouth Argyle.

League Two
Cambridge United v Forest Green Rovers, Carlisle United v Stevenage, Cheltenham Town v Mansfield Town, Chesterfield v Yeovil Town, Crawley Town v Newport County, Exeter City v Notts County, Grimsby Town v Colchester United, Lincoln City v Barnet, Morecambe v Luton Town, Port Vale v Accrington Stanley, Swindon Town v Coventry City, Wycombe Wanderers v Crewe Alexandra

Southern League Premier

Dunstable Town v Bishop's Cleeve, Kettering Town v Banbury United, King's Lynn Town v Biggleswade Town, Kings Langley v Gosport Borough, Merthyr Town v Tiverton Town, Redditch United v Slough Town, St Neots Town v Royston Town, Stratford Town v Chesham United, Weymouth v Basingstoke Town
West: AFC Totton v North Leigh, Barnstaple Town v Paulton Rovers, Bristol Manor Farm v Bishops Cleeve, Cirencester Town v Evesham United, Didcot Town v Winchester City, Mangotsfield United v Bideford, Salisbury v Swindon Supermarine, Shortwood United v Cinderford Town, Taunton Town v Yeate Town
Sydenhams Wessex League

Premier: Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Portchester, Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Amesbury Town, Bournemouth v Shaftesbury, Brockenhurst v Portland United, Cowes Sports v Blackfield & Langley, Hamble Club v Hamworthy United, Horndean v Alesford Town, Lymington Town v Andover Town, Petersfield Town v Sholing, Newport (IoW) v AFC Bournemouth.

Division 1: Fawley v AFC Stoneham, Verwood Town v Laverstock & Ford.

Friday, September 29

Championship: QPR v Fulham

Saturday, September 30

Premier League: Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur (12.30), AFC Bournemouth v Leicester City, Manchester United v Crystal Palace, Stoke City v Southampton, West Bromwich Albion v Watford, West Ham United v Swansea City, Chelsea v Manchester City (5.30pm)

Championship: Aston Villa v Bolton Wanderers, Burton Albion v Wolves, Cardiff City v Derby County, Hull City v Birmingham City, Ipswich Town v Bristol City, Middlesbrough v Brentford, Millwall v Barnsley, Nottingham Forest v Sheffield United, Preston North End v Sunderland, Reading v Norwich City

League One: AFC Wimbledon v Rochdale, Blackburn Rovers v Gillingham, Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers, Bristol Rovers v Plymouth Argyle, Bury v Milton Keynes Dons, Fleetwood Town v Charlton Athletic, Peterborough United v Oxford United, Portsmouth v Oldham Athletic, Rotherham United v Northampton Town, Shrewsbury Town v Scunthorpe United, Southend United v Blackpool, Wigan Athletic v Walsall

League Two

Grimsby Town v Lincoln City (1pm), Mansfield Town v Notts County (1pm), Chesterfield v Cheltenham Town, Coventry City v Crewe Alexandra, Crawley Town v Carlisle United, Exeter City v Morecambe, Forest Green Rovers v Accrington Stanley, Luton Town v Newport County, Stevenage v Port Vale, Swindon Town v Cambridge United, Wycombe Wanderers v Barnet, Yeovil Town v Colchester United

National League

Barrow v Maidstone United, Bromley v Tranmere Rovers, Dagenham & Redbridge v Torquay United, Dover Athletic v Solihull Moors, Eastleigh v Chester, Ebbsfleet United v FC Halifax Town, Gateshead v Boreham Wood, Leyton Orient v AFC Fylde, Macdesfield Town v Aldershot Town, Maidenhead United v Guiseley, Woking v Hartlepool United, Wrexham v Sutton United.

Southern League Premier: Basingstoke Town v Redditch United, Biggleswade Town v Farnborough, Gosport Borough v Hitchin Town, St Ives Town v Merthyr Town, Tiverton Town v St Neots Town.

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Sydenhams Wessex League Premier

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Division 1: AFC Stoneham v Christchurch, Andover New Street v East Cowes, Folland Sports v Hythe & Dildon, Laverstock & Ford v New Milton Town, Ringwood Town v Downton, Romsey Town v Alton, Tadley Calvea v Verwood Town, Whitchurch United v Fawley.

Hampshire Premier League

Hampshire Intermediate Cup, First round: Bush Hill Res v South Wonston Swifts

Premier Division: Colden Common v Hedge End Rangers, Fleetlands v Clanfield, Winchester Castle v Sway

Division 1

Four Marks v Headley United, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Netley Central Sports, Upham v AFC Petersfield

Combination Division

Hayling United v Overton United, Headley United v Fleetlands, Hedge End Rangers v Clanfield, Paulsgrove v Winchester Castle, QK Southampton v Liphook United.

Killick: FA Cup win a big relief

Mike
Vimpany



POOLE Town boss Tom Killick described as an "unbelievable relief" Poole Town's 2-0 victory at Salisbury to progress to the third qualifying round of the FA Cup and a visit to Slough Town next Saturday.

Dolphins went into the contest having lost six of their past seven games in National League South against a Whites outfit who were flying high in Evo-Stick Southern League West.

In a cup tie which only came to life during the second half at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, Killick's men struck twice with goals from Jamie Whiskin and Jez Bedford to book their trip.

The Poole manager reflected: "To go away from home with morale as low as it was, it was a big victory for us.

"Let's not get carried away. We beat a side that are two leagues lower than us but everyone knows Salisbury have signed players who have played at our level at the very least.

"Our celebrations were probably completely over the top in a way, but where we have been over the past few weeks emotionally, I think it meant an awful lot to the players, the supporters and everyone connected to the club.

"It was an unbelievable relief really."

Poole broke the deadlock on 63 minutes through Whiskin, who enjoyed both FA Cup and FA Vase glory in his AFC Totton days.

Jack Dickson's corner was swung into the near post where the Poole captain rose highest to power a header home from close range.

Salisbury goalkeeper Chris Searle really ought to have dealt with the situation.

As tempers boiled over and yellow cards were brandished, Salisbury were refused a penalty when substitute Chris Shephard took a stoppage time tumble.

One minute later and with Poole hanging on by their fingertips, Pompey loanee Jez Bedford scored the Dolphins' second to wrap things up and spark wild celebrations on the visiting bench.

"I felt there were times where, without being disrespectful to Salisbury, if they had a little bit more quality they might have caused us some problems," Killick added.

"They were the team that looked much more accomplished in the early stages. Then I thought they ran out of ideas a little bit."

Asked about the Whites' dramatic late appeal for a penalty, the Poole boss replied: "The referee stood up to the pressure because it was never a penalty but a lot of referees would have given it.

"I am not normally complimentary about referees and I am not saying his performance lacked defects.

"But at the end, nine referees out of 10, with almost 1,000 people calling for a penalty to the home side, would have given a penalty.

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Poole Town manager Tom Killick (picture: Jon Beal)

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next Saturday.

Opponents Slough Town are riding high in the Evo-Stick Premier Division, having won six games in a row since Kettering Town beat them on the opening day of the season.

Local journeyman Chris Flood, late of Basingstoke Town among others, plays for Slough Town.

Another new manager set to face Eastleigh...

EASTLEIGH will again come up against a new manager next week.

The Spitfires were recently the opposition for Paul Cook's first game in charge of Guiseley.

Now they will be the second opponents for Chester's Marcus Bignot, who was appointed at

the Deva Stadium this week.

Chester, who visit Eastleigh next weekend, had been searching for a new boss since parting company with Jon McCarthy earlier this month.

He was sacked after a 2-0 loss at Solihull left

Chester with only seven points from eight games.

Bignot made his managerial name with Solihull, spending five years there, before taking over as Grimsby Town boss last November.

He left the Mariners in April after a poor run of results.

NON LEAGUE



Gosport's Alex Pike era is over...

Echo Reporter

ALEX Pike's 12-year career as Gosport Borough manager is over.

Pike's number two, Danny Thompson, has taken caretaker charge following Gosport's seventh successive defeat, 4-2 against Farnborough, on Tuesday night.

The Evostik Southern League Premier division's bottom club played their first game since Pike's departure at Stratford Town today.

Following the decision, Gosport Borough released the following statement:

The Chairman, Board and everyone connected with the Club would like to thank Alex for his unceasing efforts during his time at Gosport Borough F.C and wish him well for the future.

Alex joined the Boro' in December 2005 and has been a loyal servant to the club.

He has overseen many successes during his time as manager



Alex Pike after collecting his FA Trophy runners-up medal in 2014

of Gosport Borough including winning the Wessex League in first full season in charge (2006-07), promotion to the Southern League Premier division (2011-12)

and promotion to the Conference South for the first time in the club's history in 2013.

Every Boro fan will remember Alex's finest hour when he led the

team to the FA Trophy Final at Wembley in 2014.

The following season, Gosport reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup and Alex was awarded 'Coach of the Year' by The Portsmouth News.

The last couple of years have been very difficult for Alex, but he has stuck with The Club in an attempt to help turn around its fortunes.

However, results have not been favourable at the start of this season and Chairman, Iain Sellstrom, felt that now was the right time to call an end to Alex's tenure as manager.

Sellstrom said: "This has been a very difficult decision given Alex's loyalty to the club over the past 12 years.

"I have very much enjoyed working with Alex since I took office but it is my duty to put the club's long-term interests first as my primary consideration.

"Everyone connected with Gosport Borough should recognise the effort and commitment Alex has brought to his role as Manager of this special club."

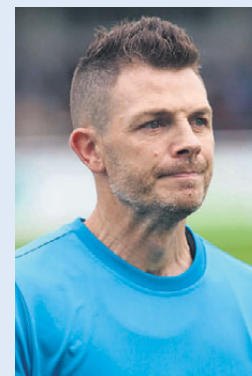
Cureton is now a Gunner

Former Eastleigh striker Jamie Cureton has taken his first steps into coaching by linking up with Arsenal's youth academy.

The 42-year-old recently became the first player to score in the top eight divisions of English football when he scored for Farnborough in the Evostik South Premier League

Former Bristol Rovers star Cureton, who scored one goal in seven appearances for Eastleigh under Ronnie Moore last season, is taking his first steps into coaching.

"I was approached in the summer by Arsenal and went down for meetings and it's gone on from there really," he told the Bristol Post.



Jamie Cureton

"I'm starting out at Arsenal as a part-time assistant for the under 16s and helping with the 15s as well.

"So I'll be working Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and then game days on a Saturday when I can."

Cureton will be continuing his playing career at Farnborough. "I've got three goals in eight games this season," he said.

"And I've got three in my last two, so I'm on a good run at the moment."

● Dorchester Town have appointed Steve Thompson as their new manager.

Thompson, 54, has been assistant to Garry Hill at Woking for six years and was also No 2 to Russell Slade at Yeovil Town ten years ago.

He used to play for Bristol City.

Goal hero Norman's a Downend conqueror!



New Milton Ladies

KATIE Norman plundered a stunning hat-trick as New Milton Town staged a dramatic comeback to progress in the SSE Women's FA Cup.

Linnets trailed 3-0 and 4-1 to Downend Flyers in the second qualifying round at Fawcett's Field. But a stirring second-half fight-back saw them win 5-4 to book a place in the third qualifying round and bank £450 in prize money.

Bristol-based Flyers, who compete in the Premier Division of the South West Women's League, raced into a 3-0 lead inside 17 minutes.

Their lead lasted until nine minutes into the second period when Linnets captain Nicole Power slotted home.

However, the visitors quickly restored their three-goal advantage, leaving home supporters fearing the worst.

But Lou Fern's team dug deep over the closing 25 minutes with Olivia Watts making it 4-2.

Norman then took centre stage as Linnets, who compete in the Premier Division of the Southern Region Women's League, seized the initiative.

Her double made it 4-4 in the closing stages before she completed her hat-trick with virtually the last kick of the game.

Will this be Froome's BBC year?

AFTER failing to reach a 16-strong shortlist for the 2016 BBC Sports Personality of the Year award, Chris Froome will be hoping his Tour-Vuelta double will be enough to at least make the cut this year.

Last year's disappointment came despite him winning a third Tour title and an Olympic bronze medal.

But the 32-year-old has only twice made the list before, coming sixth in the public vote in 2013 and 2015.

A staple of the British sports calendar, this year's ceremony will be at Liverpool's Echo Arena on December 17.

According to a range of high-street and online bookmakers, here are the 10 leading candidates ..

ANTHONY JOSHUA

(Available at a best price of 4/9)
If this was a prize for the best single performance by a British star in the last 12 months, it is no contest - the 27-year-old heavyweight's victory over Wladimir Klitschko in April was an absolute belter. But that Wembley wonder is still his only outing this year and a scheduled fight against Kubrat Pulev in October is not setting many pulses racing. That said, the British have taken the former Olympic champion to their hearts and he looks in great shape



Jermain Defoe with Bradley Lowery.

to add a SPOTY belt to his collection.

CHRIS FROOME

(8-1)
The first man to follow up a win at the Tour de France with a victory in the Spanish equivalent in the same season, the 32-year-old is now, by any fair measure, one of cycling's greats. Since the start of July, he has raced more than 4,000 miles, over 42 days, and has seen off every challenge. For many, he should win this race by miles, too, but a previous SPOTY best of sixth suggests he has not yet conquered the heights of popular acclaim here. Could this be his breakthrough year?

JERMAIN DEFOE

(12-1)
Now 34 and playing for Bournemouth, the Londoner was the best player on a bad Sunderland side last season, scoring an admirable 15 league goals. That effort earned him a recall to the England squad for the first time in three years and he scored on his return. But that is not why Defoe is an outside bet for SPOTY. At Sunderland, he met Bradley Lowery, a six-year-old with cancer.

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SAINTS

'We've done well

Peter Howard



STEVEN Davis became a double centurion for Saints last weekend in the 1-0 win at Crystal Palace - and now he's spoken about what he wants from the next chapter of his career.

The Northern Ireland international is now 32 years old but has no plan to hang up his boots any time soon.

The midfielder says he has unfinished business on the international stage with Northern Ireland and domestically with Saints.

"I feel good, it [retirement] has never crossed my mind at this point in time," he said. "I'll keep going for as long as I can until you have to wheel me out of here."

Domestically, Davis, who joined Saints from Rangers in the summer of 2012 after the club's return to the Premier League, wants to win a trophy to really put the icing on his spell at St Mary's.

He knows how close he came to achieving that dream last season when Claude Puel's side lost 3-2 to Manchester United in the League Cup final.

That day Saints were the better side and had a goal wrongly ruled out for offside.

But despite that heartbreak, Davis knows he's part of a heady period in the club's history.

The former Aston Villa man is proud to play for the during what has been one its most successful eras in history.

Not since the 1980s have Saints competed for silverware and been consistently in the higher echelons of the top-flight.

Progression

Davis has been there throughout as Saints recorded four straight top eight finishes in the Premier League - a record for the club.

Now he just wants a medal to show for all this hard work.

"It's great the progression that the club's had over the last eight years," he said. "Even the couple of years before I came.

"I've just thoroughly enjoyed my time since I came here. There's been a good level of progression.

"But we all want more. We're all demanding more from each other to try and keep pushing us on.

"Ultimately you want to look back on your career having won things as well.

"We were so close last year but didn't get it over the line. We want to look back on our careers and have medals."



Steven Davis celebrates scoring the winner on his 200th Saints appearance at Crystal Palace last weekend.

Main picture - Steven Davis celebrates scoring in Saints' 3-1 win at defending champions Chelsea in October 2015.



Steven Davis celebrates scoring one of his two goals at Tottenham in May 2016.

Davis is a consummate professional. He's played in many different positions for Saints - in the attacking midfield three and further back in the shielding midfield areas.

He's served under five different bosses and each of them have turned to the ever-reliable Northern Ireland skipper.

It was for a bargain £800,000 compensation that he was brought from a financially-stricken Rangers in 2012.

Saints were on the hunt for Pre-

mier League experience to add to their fresh-faced but exciting squad after promotion from the Championship.

And what they found in Davis was a perfect servant to help guide them through their top flight return, and help secure survival that season.

Having played for Villa and then Fulham, Davis, who has been a Gers fan since he was a youngster, joined his beloved Rangers on a six-month loan deal in January 2008.

He made his move to Ibrox permanent in August 2008 in a deal worth around £3m.

The following season - his first as a full-time Rangers player - Davis won the SPL title and the Scottish Cup and repeated the trick in 2009/10.

He made it a hat-trick of Scottish Cups the following campaign when he netted in a 2-1 extra-time victory over Celtic in the final, before later lifting a third successive SPL league trophy.

Davis, having initially signed a



SAINTS



but we want more'



Steven Davis, above, scores for Saints against Crystal Palace on the final day of the 2015/16 season.



What might have been. Steven Davis, right, reflects on League Cup final defeat to Manchester United at Wembley in February.

four-year contract on his arrival, was handed a new five-year deal and was made Rangers' interim captain in the absence of David Weir.

At the end this campaign, however, following Rangers' insolvency, Davis was able to terminate his contract and become a free agent, rejecting the opportunity to sign for the new company who owned the newly-created club and signed for Saints in July 2012.

He made a lasting impression on his debut, netting after coming on

as a substitute three minutes earlier to give Saints the lead at defending champs Manchester City. Saints eventually lost 3-2.

Davis went on to help them to survive in their first season back in the Premier League in seven years, playing 32 league games and scoring twice along the way.

It was the only season in Davis' Saints career that the club did not finish in the top eight, with the following four campaigns all seeing the club fly high.

After making his 200th appear-

ance in the win at Selhurst Park, in which he scored the winning goal, Davis said: "It's a nice landmark to get to.

"I don't think you pay too much attention to them whenever you're still playing.

"It's probably something you look back on when you finish and be proud of your achievements.

"I just want to play as much football as I can and enjoy my football for as long as I can and hopefully there will be many more appearances to add to that."

Because of his commitment to the club over the past five years, Davis was handed the title of club captain in January with Virgil van Dijk becoming team skipper after Jose Fonte's exit.

But after Van Dijk's foot ligament injury and then transfer stand-off this summer, Davis has been the man with the armband since the end of January, leading Saints out at Wembley along the way.

"I'm just trying to make the most of everyday," he said. "I give my best every day, try and improve every day and get as much as possibly out of my career as I possibly can.

"I've obviously played with plenty of players who have now retired and they all say the same thing – 'play for as long as you can, enjoy it for as long as you can and take as much out of it as you can'.

"Hopefully that will mean a lot more appearances, more goals and more trophies."

His trophy haul in Scotland is impressive, but it's clearly something he wants to change in England – where trophies are usually just passed around the elite clubs.

He might have to make-do in the end with this legacy of helping Saints climb the top-flight at an impressive rate and taking them in to European competition in successive campaigns.

Davis' time at Saints has also coincided with a real upturn in fortunes for Northern Ireland.

The 32-year-old is also captain of his country and in October 2015 scored a brace in a 3-1 win over Greece which meant Michael O'Neill's side qualified for their first ever European Championships – and their first major international tournament in 30 years.

At Euro 2016 in France, they reached the knockout stages before a 1-0 loss to eventual semi-finalists Wales in the round of 16.

Now Northern Ireland are challenging for World Cup qualification.

They have nearly secured second place in Group C behind world champions Germany, meaning they will likely be heading for a play-off game to secure their place in the finals in Russia next summer.

"The World Cup with Northern Ireland comes in to it – that would be a hell of an achievement," Davis said.

"I'd like to win a trophy here at Southampton, have something to look back on as a real achievement from my time at the club and create a bit of history for the club.

"Those are two things I'm aiming for."

BBC award contenders

From facing page

Lowery died in July, but not before the pair had struck up a heart-warming friendship that saw the pair lead England out at Wembley in March.

SIR MO FARAH

(14-1)

Having won nine straight global track finals since 2011, you could argue his return of a gold and a silver at London 2017 was a disappointment. But that would be very unfair. Britain's only individual medallist, Farah won one thriller and narrowly lost another. The 34-year-old is now aiming for marathon glory and he has just won his fourth straight Great North Run. Like Froome, the Somalia-born star probably has not had the credit he deserves at SPOTY. A best of third, in 2011, does not really reflect his domination in one of sport's most accessible disciplines.

LEWIS HAMILTON

(18-1)

Widely considered to be the best driver of his generation, Hamilton has just edged ahead of his great rival Sebastian Vettel in the race for the 2017 Formula One crown. Winning that prize – the last race is on November 26 in Abu Dhabi –



Mo Farah

should also boost the 32-year-old's SPOTY hopes, but his third world championship in 2015 only translated to a fifth-place finish in the traditional pre-Christmas vote. The sport's move away from terrestrial TV may have played a part in that.

ADAM PEATY

(50-1)

Still only 22, the world's fastest breaststroker has become a fixture on this list over the last three years but has not yet beaten 10th place. This year should fix that, if only for the fact that his solid gym sessions have become social-media gold. His haul at July's world championships in Budapest was two individual golds, a relay silver and lots of records. He has the personality to go higher in this list but is held back by his sport's low profile.

JONNIE PEACOCK

(50-1)

The double Paralympic champion in the T44 category added another 100metres title to his tally at the World Para-Athletics Championships in London this summer, so there is no doubt about his ability to move. What we are about to discover, though, is how gracefully he can do it, as he is set to become Strictly Come Dancing's first amputee contestant.

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With personality to burn, the 24-year-old Peacock might just dance his way into SPOTY contention.

TOM DALEY

(66-1)

Another British champion in Budapest, Daley also shines in a relatively unheralded sport. But that is where the similarities with Peaty end, as Daley has been box office in Britain for a decade and completely transcends the pool. Now 23, he won his second world title from the 10m board – his third world gold in all – and a silver in the three-metres synchro event. It would probably take an Olympic gold to see a diver on the top step at SPOTY but it would be a surprise if Daley does not make the shortlist.

ANYA SHRUBSOLE

(66-1)

When you consider how much success British women's teams have had on the world stage recently, in a range of sports, it does not



Anya Shrubsole.

seem right that the 25-year-old bowler is the first female on this list. She may even be the only woman to make the final shortlist, too, which probably says a lot about how much coverage women get and how they are marketed. Can you imagine how famous the man who bowled England to a Cricket World Cup at Lord's, with figures of six for 46, would be?

JAMES ANDERSON

(200-1)

If it is value you are looking for, look no further: the Burnley Express is available at prices ranging from 20-1 to 200-1. But then people have been underestimating Anderson for 15 years. England's greatest wicket-taker, he burst through the 500-mark with a haul of seven for 42 to beat the West Indies. That took him to 39 wickets for England this summer, at a cost of just over 14 runs each. Some SPOTY love is long overdue for this king of swing.

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Davis clocks up



Peter Howard



STEVEN Davis reached his 200th appearance for Saints last weekend.

Here, the Sports Pinks, charts those top appearances makers during the Premier League era.

Matt Le Tissier – 540

Made 443 league appearances in a career which spanned 1986-2001, scoring 161 goals.

He struck 20 or more goals three times in a Premier League season – 20 in 1989/90, 25 in 1993/94 and 20 in 1994/95.

Netted another 48 goals in 107 cup appearances.

Jason Dodd – 483

Dodd made his debut in a 4-1 win at QPR in October 1989. On his home debut a week later against Liverpool, Saints again won 4-1.

Made the last of his 398 top flight appearances for the club at White Hart Lane in December 2004, a game Saints last 5-1 in Harry Redknapp's second game in charge.

Dodd was released at the end of that season and played seven games for Brighton before injury ended his professional career.

Later turned out for Eastleigh and had a short spell as caretaker Saints boss in 2007/08 after George Burley had left to take the Scottish national job.

Claus Lundekvam – 413

Always a popular figure at Saints, from his debut in October 1996 to his final appearance in 2007/08.

Famously scored just two goals in his 357 league appearances – the first in a 4-1 win at Wolves in April 2004 and the second against Cardiff in 2005/06. Both goals were against teams managed by his former Saints boss Dave Jones.

Francis Benali – 369

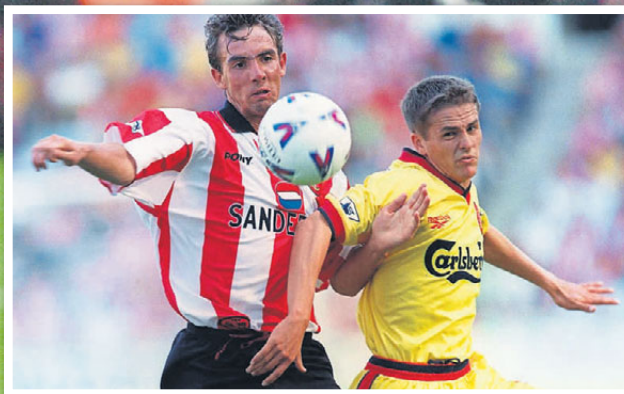
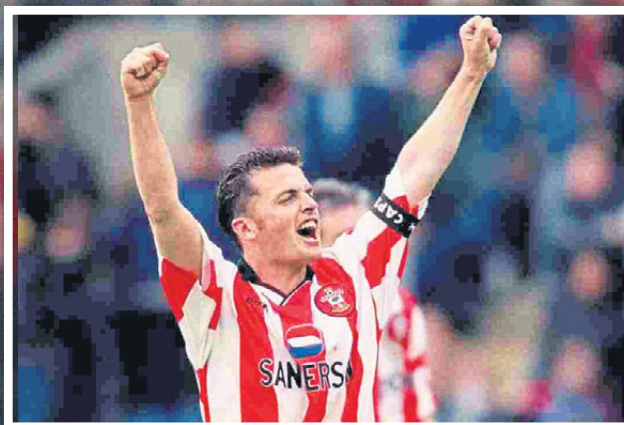
Lundekvam's total of two goals was one more than Benali managed in his 311-game league career for Saints. Benali's sole strike came against Leicester in 1997 when he headed in a Matt Le Tissier free-kick.

Benali made his Saints debut in October 1988, and his last appearance came in an FA Cup fourth round replay at Millwall in February 2003.

Matt Oakley – 310

Oakley only called time on his professional playing career at the end of last season, during which he had made his 600th appearance while turning out for Exeter City.

Of his eventual 615 league outings, 261 were made for Saints – his first coming as a 17-year-old in May 1995 and his last in 2005/06. Turning down a new contract offer, Oakley left St Mary's in the summer of 2006 to join Derby County. He later moved out to Leicester before linking up with his ex-Saints colleague Paul Tisdale at Exeter in 2012.



Left (from top) Matt Le Tissier, Jason Dodd, Claus Lundekvam. Right (from top) Matt Oakley, Kelvin Davis, Francis Benali. Main picture – new double centurion Steven Davis.

Kelvin Davis – 301

Criticised by some fans following his £1m arrival from Sunderland in the summer of 2006, Davis in time became something of a legendary, much admired figure.

Player of the year in the club's 2009/09 Championship relegation season, he decided to stay at St Mary's – despite interest from West

Ham – following Markus Liebherr's takeover.

Davis went on to help Saints achieve back-to-back promotions, though he quickly fell out of favour once the club were back in the Premier League.

Davis made his 300th appearance in all competitions for Saints at Manchester City on the final day of the 2014/15 season.

A 301st outing followed in October

2015, in a 2-2 draw at home to eventual champions Leicester City.

In all, 270 of Davis' appearances for Saints were in the league.

Jose Fonte – 288

The former skipper left under something of a cloud last January after handing in a transfer request.

It was an unfortunate end to a great St Mary's career, which saw

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double century



him finish just 12 games away from 300 appearances in all competitions.

The Portuguese centre half made 260 league outings for Saints – the first 106 of them coming in League 1 and the Championship following his bargain £1.2m arrival from Crystal Palace in the January 2010 transfer window.

Adam Lallana – 265

Handed his debut in a League Cup tie against Yeovil in August 2006, Lallana would have to wait two years before becoming a regular.

He thrived in Saints' first season in League 1, scoring 20 goals in all competitions, and got better and better as the club advanced up the leagues.

In all, he scored 60 goals for Saints, including 48 in 235 league appearances, before a £25m move to

Liverpool in the summer of 2014.

While at Saints, he made his senior international debut – in a 2-0 Wembley loss to Chile in November 2013 – and has gone on to become a regular in the England midfield.

Morgan Schneiderlin – 261

The Frenchman, like Davis, Fonte and Lallana, was a mainstay in Nigel Adkins' sides that won suc-

cessive promotions in 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Signed as a teenager from Strasbourg in the summer of 2008, Schneiderlin's first season saw him part of a painfully inexperienced Saints side relegated to the third tier of English football.

After that, he was rarely out of the side, eventually making 231 league appearances (261 in all competitions) before a £25m move to Old Trafford in the summer of 2015.

Rickie Lambert – 235

The striker became a talismanic figure at St Mary's, his goals firing Saints to back promotions.

He ended with 117 goals in 235 appearances, of which 106 goals came in 197 league starts plus another 10 off the bench.

James Beattie – 235

Scored 68 league goals for Saints in a 204-game spell on the south coast. Made his debut in August 1998 with his final game coming on Boxing Day 2004, prior to a £6m switch to Everton the following month. His best season for Saints was undoubtedly 2002/03, when he scored 23 league goals and made his senior England international debut.

Ken Monkou – 233

Spent almost seven years at The Dell, from making his debut in August 1992 – in a 1-0 home loss to Manchester United – to his final outing at Everton in May 1999. Scored 10 goals in his 198 league games for the club – a good career considering he was almost 28 when he joined from Chelsea.

Paul Jones – 223

Signed by his former Stockport boss Dave Jones in the summer of 1997, Paul Jones made the first of his 193 league appearances for Saints in August of that year.

He made the last against Manchester City in November 2003, having been ousted as No 1 choice by the arrival of Antti Niemi the previous year. Went on loan to Liverpool in 2003/04 before linking up once more with Jones at Wolves – therefore becoming the first player to appear for three Premier League clubs in one season.

League: 193

Steven Davis – 200

The Northern Ireland international chalked up his double century milestone at Crystal Palace last weekend.

He celebrated it with his first club goal since May 2016 – and that was also against the Eagles!

Davis, a bargain £750,000 signing from Glasgow Rangers in the summer of 2012, has made 172 league appearances for Saints under five different managers.

In addition, he has made 13 League Cup outings, eight in the FA Cup and seven in the Europa League.

His goal at Selhurst Park last weekend was only his tenth in Saints colours.

Record year for United yet again

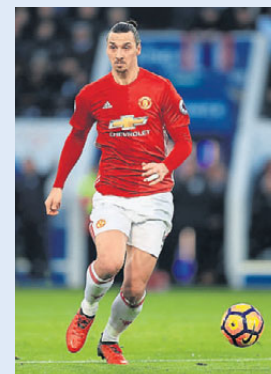
MANCHESTER United have earned more than half a billion pounds for the second successive year, with a record-breaking revenue of £581.2million.

While Jose Mourinho's men stuttered home sixth in the Premier League and went without Champions League football, the money-making machine was still in full flow last season.

United last year became the first British club to break the half-billion mark and have improved on that position, with revenue rising from £515.3m to £581.2m for the year ending 30 June 2017.

The club – who in January returned the top of the Deloitte Football Money League for the first time since 2005 – achieved a record operating profit of £80.8m and record earnings of £199.6m before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation.

United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward said: "We concluded a successful 2016/17 season with a total of three trophies and a return to Champions League football."



Zlatan Ibrahimovic

"We are pleased with the investment in our squad and look forward to an exciting season."

United are expecting to post a revenue of between £575m and £585m for the year ending June 30, 2018.

The accounts show wages increased by £31.3m to £263.5m in the previous financial year as Mourinho's appointment was followed by the arrival of Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Paul Pogba, Eric Bailly and Henrikh Mkhitaryan – but in terms of percentage of revenue it broadly remains the same.

Retail revenue increased by £6.7m thanks in part to the fact the full year of their agreement with Adidas came into account along with growth in the Megastore.

United's net debt decreased by £47.8m to £213.1m over the year.

The latest Saints FC accounts – for the year ending June 2016 – showed record revenues of around £125m.

A long way off the money-making machine which is Manchester United, therefore.

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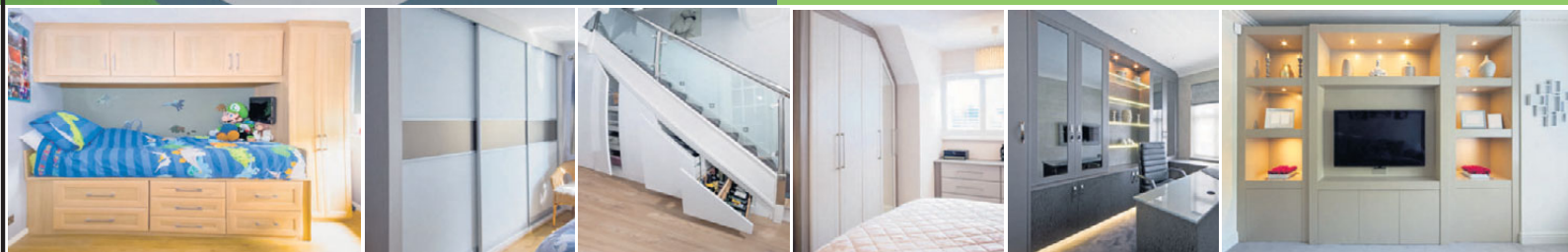


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Here, the Sports Pink looks at why such bitterness exists between clubs who are 250 miles apart.

A HOLLOW VICTORY

Fiorentina put a dent in Juventus' title charge with a long-awaited win at the Stadio Artemio Franchi in last season's meeting between the two rivals in January. Nikola Kalinic and Federico Chiesa fired Fiorentina in front with goals in either half and, although Gonzalo Higuain got Juve back into it, Massimiliano Allegri's side could not find an equaliser. However, despite La Viola, who had not beaten Juve in Serie A since October 2013, finally earning some bragging rights, it was the



Liam Brady

men from Turin who went on to deliver yet another Scudetto, their 33rd title. Fiorentina, meanwhile, ended in eighth and Paulo Sousa was replaced as head coach by Stefano Pioli.

BRADY BLAMED

On the final day of the 1981-82 campaign Fiorentina were level on points with Juventus heading into their respective matches against Cagliari and Catanzaro. While La Viola had a seemingly legitimate effort disallowed in their goalless draw in Sardinia, Irish midfielder Liam Brady scored a penalty against Catanzaro to seal a 1-0 win – and the Scudetto – for the Old Lady. At the time, Fiorentina fans were heard saying: "Meglio secondi che ladri." Better to be second than to be thieves.

SELLING THE CROWN JEWEL

The two clubs managed to co-exist relatively peacefully for the rest of the decade.

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The best (& worst)

Simon Carter



SAINTS helped extend Crystal Palace's miserable Premier League start last weekend with a 1-0 victory at Selhurst Park.

Defeat left Palace without a point or even a goal from their first five league games.

That got the Sports Pink thinking. What have been Saints' best, and worst starts, to a league campaign based on just the first five games.

Here we take a look at some of them (all points awarded as three for a win, even though that system did not come in until 1981/82).

1948/49 – 12 points

Charlie Wayman struck against Blackburn in a 3-0 opening day win, then scored again in a 2-1 success at Plymouth. A fourth goal in three games followed – the consolation in a 2-1 loss at Cardiff – before a fifth in four matches helped beat Plymouth again 2-0. Augie Scott struck twice in a 3-0 home win over QPR to continue Saints' impressive start.

It was in stark contrast to the club's finish to the Second Division campaign. Four losses in their last seven games saw them finish third, just two points behind champions Fulham.

Wayman carried on as he had started, though, scoring 32 goals in 37 starts.

1953/54 – 12 points

Goals galore as George Roughton's side belted 17 in their first five Second Division matches.

A 2-0 home win over Watford was followed by a 4-3 loss at Crystal Palace, before Saints struck four goals in three successive wins.

Eric Day bagged a pair in a 4-0 drubbing of Newport in south Wales before Josh Hoskins did likewise in a 4-2 home win over Bristol City.

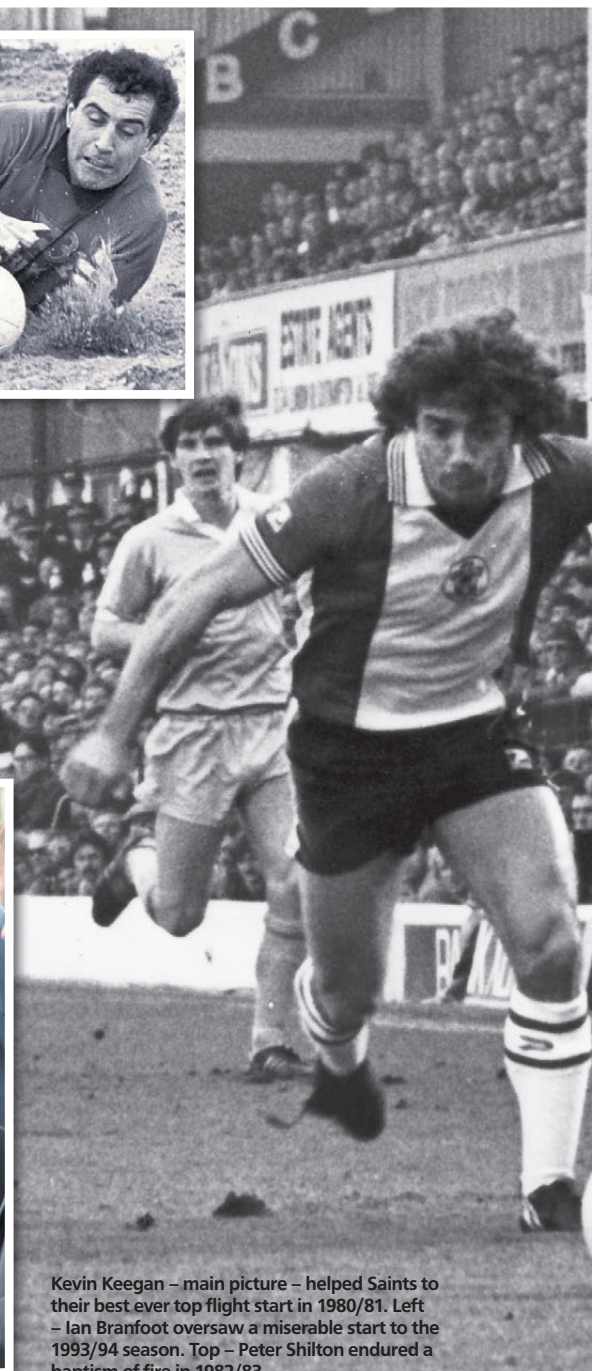
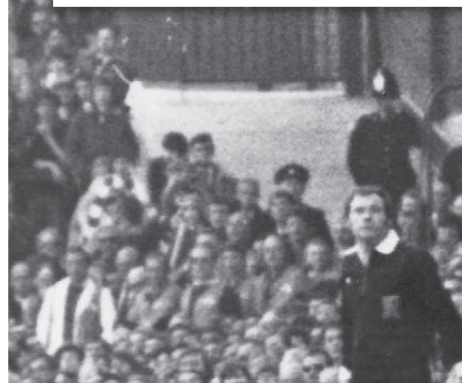
It was Newport at home next, and John Flood hit a hat-trick as Saints beat County 4-0 for the second time in three weeks.

1962/63 – 1 point

Four defeats in five outings left Ted Bates' men propping up the Second Division. The only point came from a 2-2 draw against Luton which featured Derek Reeves' last-ever goal for Saints.

1974/75 3 points

Fresh from relegation, Lawrie McMenemy oversaw a stuttering start to life back in the second



Kevin Keegan – main picture – helped Saints to their best ever top flight start in 1980/81. Left – Ian Branfoot oversaw a miserable start to the 1993/94 season. Top – Peter Shilton endured a baptism of fire in 1982/83.

tier. Saints came from behind three times on day one to draw 3-3 with Hull but then lost at Norwich and, despite taking the lead, crashed 3-1 at Sunderland. Saints allowed the Canaries to level in the Dell return before Bobby Stokes' last minute leveller gave Saints another 1-1 home draw against Blackpool.

Saints never really recovered

from their poor start and finished 14th.

In today's climate, a 14th placed finish after top flight relegation could well result in the sack.

McMenemy, though, was managing in a far different era – and Saints would reap the benefits of their patience.

1976/77 – 2 points

Fresh from winning the FA Cup the previous May, Saints fell back to earth with a bump by failing to win any of their first five Second Division games.

A curtain-raising 2-1 Dell loss to Carlisle quickly wiped away some post-Wembley enthusiasm and, after a 0-0 draw with Millwall, Saints were thumped 4-0 at Hull. A 1-1 Dell draw with Sheffield

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of Saints' starts...



Lawrie McMenemy twice saw Saints make a poor start to a Second Division season in the mid 1970s – and the directors' patience was eventually rewarded

United was then followed by a 2-0 loss at Burnley.

McMenemy knew he had to act quickly, and did – signing prolific striker Ted MacDougall for £50,000 from Norwich. Alan Ball would follow a few months later as McMenemy dismantled his Wembley-winning side.

1980/81 – 13 points

Statistically, Saints' best start to a post-war league season – four wins and a draw.

No doubt the arrival of reigning European Footballer of the Year Kevin Keegan and the feelgood factor he brought with him was a contributory factor.

Mick Channon struck twice on Keegan's debut – a 2-0 home win over Manchester City – before a

1-1 draw at Arsenal was followed by three straight successes.

Chris Nicholl and Charlie George netted in a 2-1 win at Sunderland before Keegan struck his first goal in a 3-1 home victory over Birmingham.

Steve Williams, Graham Baker and Ivan Golac then scored in another 3-1 home triumph – this time against south coast rivals

Brighton.

1982/83 – 4 points

Kevin Keegan had been a surprise summer departure, joining Newcastle, but Saints now had England's Peter Shilton in goal for them.

It was a baptism of fire for Shilton, who after a 1-0 debut loss at Coventry was then on the receiving end of newly-promoted Watford's 4-1 rom at The Dell.

Justin Fashanu's early goal saw off Aston Villa, but after a 1-1 draw with Norwich a 5-0 battering at Anfield left Saints bottom of the table.

Things eventually improved, but only after Shilton had conceded six a few weeks later on a miserable evening at White Hart Lane.

1983/84 – 11 points

Danny Wallace lifted the curtain on what would prove to be Saints' best ever league season with a first day winner at Nottingham Forest.

A 0-0 draw with QPR was followed by Ian Baird firing the only goal against Arsenal at The Dell.

Mick Mills' late leveller gave Saints a rare point at Anfield, and Steve Moran's double saw off Sunderland at Roker Park.

1984/85 – 2 points

Runners-up the previous season to Liverpool, Saints began what would prove to be Lawrie McMenemy's last season by failing to win any of their first five games.

A first day loss at Sunderland was followed by a 0-0 home stalemate with Manchester United before a 3-2 Dell defeat to West Ham. Gary Shelton then grabbed a late winner for newly-promoted Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. New signing Alan Curtis netted in a 1-1 home draw with Luton.

1993/94 – 3 points

A torrid start for Ian Branfoot. Three losses to Everton, Ipswich and QPR preceded Swindon Town's midweek visit to The Dell. Newly promoted, Swindon had also lost their first three Premier League games – including a 5-0 home thumping by Liverpool. Matt Le Tissier struck twice as the Wiltshire side shipped five again – Saints running out 5-1 winners. But that was not the signal for Branfoot's luck to change, as Saints then lost their next five games. Take away the Swindon win, and Saints only netted twice in their first nine matches – eight of which had been lost. Branfoot somehow survived the axe ... but only until the following January.

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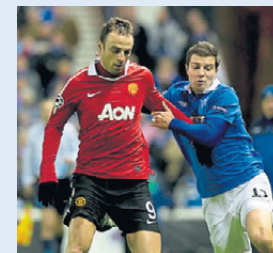
Cup final

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Fiorentina were too busy enjoying the goals and guile of Italy striker Roberto Baggio, who saved the Tuscans from relegation before leading them to a UEFA Cup final. His 43 goals in two seasons, coupled with financial concerns, meant the 'Divine Ponytail' had to be sold – to anyone apart from Juve of course. But to the horror of the Viola fans he did move to Turin for £8million, causing riots to break out in the streets of Florence.

DOUBLE STANDARDS?

When Fiorentina went bust in 2002 they had no choice but to reform and start again in the fourth tier, with the Della Valle family taking the reins of a new club boasting only one high-profile player, Angelo Di Livio. There was enmity later, when Juve were spared from a similar fate despite their heavy involvement in the 'Calciopoli' scandal, which had seen several



Dimitar Berbatov, left.

officials attempt to influence referee appointments. The Bianconeri were placed in Serie B and won an immediate promotion painlessly.

DIMITAR DIVERTED

In 2012, Dimitar Berbatov was looking for a way out of Manchester United after his goals dried up at Old Trafford. Fiorentina were quick to act, buying plane tickets for the Bulgarian after getting permission to talk to him and, as the news spread, hundreds of fans gathered at the airport. Except the striker never arrived. Juve had intervened to offer higher wages, eliciting a furious club statement from Fiorentina, with the whole event simply creating more animosity as he ultimately joined Fulham.

RED-FACED

Paul Pogba and Carlos Tevez were left red-faced after celebrating first-half goals with the machine-gun salute of Fiorentina favourite Gabriel Batistuta in October 2013 as the Tuscans fought back to win.

Sampson – Qs and As

THE FA's decision to sack Mark Sampson less than 24 hours after England's 6-0 win over Russia brings an end to a remarkable month for the governing body, the coach and the women's game.

But the questions it raises about his appointment, the allegations of racism that still hang over him and the FA's handling of all this are nowhere near a conclusion.

Here, Matt Slater looks at some of the questions that must be answered.

What exactly has the FA fired Sampson for?

Having spent weeks fighting accusations of racism, the 34-year-old Welshman's contract has been terminated because of what the FA has described as "inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour" in his previous managerial role at the Bristol Academy, which has since been rebranded as Bristol City Women. We do not know what that behaviour was but it was investigated by the FA's Safeguarding Unit, which cleared him. FA chief executive Martin Glenn told reporters it was related to the "boundaries between coach and player".

Did the FA know about this when it hired him?

After success at Bristol, Sampson



Mark Sampson

was appointed England manager in December 2013. Glenn said the FA was unaware of the allegation when it gave him the job but it must have surfaced soon after as he said it was known by "late 2013, early 2014". Sampson is understood to have given "verbal references" from Bristol but there appears to have been no further due diligence. As soon as the claim emerged the Safeguarding Unit took over, spending a year on the inquiry before clearing him.

Why has this resurfaced?

Glenn claims the FA received calls it should re-examine Sampson's past during the furore over England and Chelsea star Eni Aluko's claims he used racist language to her in 2014 and a team-mate in 2015. Last week, Glenn read the safeguarding report into the Bristol allegation and decided it was more serious than he had been led to believe. He brought it to the attention of FA chairman Greg Clarke on Friday and the board discussed it over the weekend and on Monday, when a decision was made to sack Sampson – but not until after Tuesday's World Cup qualifier at Tranmere, where England's players made a point of celebrating with their manager in a show of solidarity.

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Mixed starts for



Dave Jones twice made dismal starts to a new Saints season.

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1996/97 – 2 points

Graeme Souness' only season in charge began with no wins in the first five games – the best Saints can manage was two home draws against Chelsea and Nottingham Forest. Barry Venison was sent off in a 2-1 loss at Leicester, while Francis Benali saw red in a 2-1 defeat at West Ham. A third away game, which took Souness back to Anfield, resulted in Steve McManaman scoring a last minute winner and another 2-1 reverse.

1997/98 – 3 points

Dave Jones' first season at The Dell started with three defeats before Kevin Davies – Graeme Souness' last ever signing for Saints – scored the only goal against Crystal Palace. Saints were then 4-1 down inside 33 minutes of their next game at Stamford Bridge, eventually losing 4-2. In all, Jones lost seven of his first nine games – yet avoided the sack. Frank de Boer must wish he'd managed at The Dell in the 1990s.

1998/99 – 0 points

There is hope for Roy Hodgson and Crystal Palace. Saints lost all their opening five games in Dave Jones' second season, scoring just twice in the process. Among the losses was a 5-0 caning at newly promoted Sunderland – not helped by keeper Paul Jones being sent off at 2-0 down – and a 4-0 thrashing at Newcastle.

Saints went to on collect just one point from their first seven games, yet again avoided relegation.

Frank de Boer must really wish he'd managed at The Dell in the 1990s.

2001/02 – 3 points

A new dawn for Saints, following the move to St Mary's, results in a dismal start – away losses to Leeds and Glenn Hoddle's Tottenham either side of a 2-0 defeat to Chelsea in the first league game at Saints' new stadium. Marian Pahars ends the losing run with the only goal at Bolton, but Aston Villa win 3-1 at St Mary's with



Kelvin Davis is beaten as Robin van Persie (out of picture) completes his hat-trick for Manchester United at St Mary's in early 2012/13. Ricky Lambert, below, had earlier put Saints in front.



record signing Rory Delap red carded.

2003/04 – 9 points

The last occasion Saints went unbeaten in their opening five league games.

Draws with Leicester, Birmingham and Leeds were followed by a late James Beattie winner against

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Nigel at Saints

Matt Paterson scores against Millwall on the first day of the 2009/10 season



Dean Hammond celebrates scoring against Leeds in the first game of the 2011/12 season



Alan Pardew was the man who kickstarted Saints' on-field revival, but it wasn't an easy start for him at all in the third tier. An opening day draw with Millwall was followed by losses at Huddersfield (Rickie Lambert scoring on his debut) and Swindon before more 1-1 draws with Brentford (H) and Stockport (A).

2010/11 – 4 points

Just one win from the first five games – and Alan Pardew was sacked after it! That was a 4-0 success at Bristol Rovers, which followed a 1-0 home loss to Plymouth and a St Mary's draw with Orient. Caretaker Ray Wilkins then presided over a miserable 2-0 home loss to Rochdale and a 1-0 defeat at Swindon (Charlie Austin on target).

2011/12 – 12 points

Nigel Adkins' men quickly adjusted to life back in the Championship by rattling off four straight wins.

A 3-1 St Mary's success against Leeds was followed by a 1-0 win at Barnsley and a highly impressive 5-2 romp at Ipswich. Guly grabbed the only goal at home to Millwall and Saints were flying. A 3-2 loss at Leicester offered a slight hiccup – Saints bouncing back by winning their next two home games.

2012/13 – 3 pts

Back in the Premier League, Saints were handed some tough early season fixtures – with some painful results.

They led defending champions Manchester City 2-1 at the Etihad, only to suffer a 3-2 loss, before Wigan won 2-0 at St Mary's. Robin van Persie's hat-trick gave Manchester United a dramatic victory on the south coast – Saints had again led 2-1 – before Arsenal romped to a 6-1 success at The Emirates. Two Rickie Lambert goals helped Saints end their horror start in a 4-1 home win over Aston Villa. Saints only picked up one point in their next five games – and that via a last minute Jose Fonte equaliser against Fulham – but still stayed up.

a 4-1 beating at QPR when young Ollie Lancashire was sent off in the first half on his debut.

Poortvliet was sacked in January, and Saints were eventually relegated with their parent company Southampton Leisure Holdings PLC in administration.

2009/10 – 3 points

Poor Jan Poortvliet. Brought to St Mary's for his first ever taste of English football, he was handed a painfully inexperienced Saints squad totally ill-equipped to cope with the rigours of a 46-game Championship season. Two losses were followed by a 1-0 win at Derby, David McGoldrick on target. But that euphoria quickly died with two more losses – including

Manchester United at St Mary's. That remains United's last loss at the stadium – unless Mauricio Pellegrino's men halted that run this weekend!

Two Beattie goals then saw off a newly promoted Wolves side managed by Dave Jones.

2008/09 – 3 points

What next for the FA?

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What does this mean for the racism claims?

The FA is adamant the two issues are separate but Glenn has acknowledged there will be many who find this very convenient. The FA's statement reiterates he has twice been cleared of wrongdoing but former England midfielder Drew Spence's new statement about the comment he is alleged to have made to her in 2015 has been sent to Katharine Newton, the barrister who conducted the second of those investigations. But questions were already piling up for her in regards to her initial inquiry, which did not involve questioning Aluko, Spence or any of the other players who may have heard the comment.

Will Sampson be the only FA casualty?

Putting aside the fact that many consider the players who have fallen out with Sampson to already be casualties, it is hard to see how several leading figures within the organisation will not find themselves under scrutiny in the coming days. Glenn can be forgiven for anything that predates his arrival in March 2015 but why didn't he read the report last year while Sampson was being accused of discrimination, or this year, when the FA decided to



Martin Glenn

pay Aluko £80,000 shortly before the Euros? What of Clarke's role in this? He alone on the board was aware of that payment – shouldn't he have been more curious about the man they were backing over Aluko, their top scorer and a trained lawyer? And as the man responsible for England's coaches, technical director Dan Ashworth must face searching questions about his choice of Sampson, his response to Aluko's first complaint and continuing support for Sampson.

What next for the FA?

Sports minister Tracey Crouch has described the situation as a "mess" that sounds alarm bells over its recruitment processes, while the chairman of the Digital, Sport, Culture and Media committee Damian Collins already had a hearing scheduled with Aluko and fellow Sampson critic Lianne Sanderson planned next month – he will now be demanding a full, independent investigation of who knew what and when. The really sad story here, though, is the damage caused to a very promising England squad, who have just learned that a manager most of them have backed has been sacked for improper behaviour with a player which the FA has known about for nearly four years.

Trust will need to be restored before it can be safeguarded.

Remarkable run record

Kumar Sangakkara compiled his eighth Specsavers County Championship hundred of a remarkable final season for Surrey this week.

The Sri Lankan legend scored 157 against Somerset and has now reached three figures against every First Division county except Hampshire this season.

And he didn't play in either of Surrey's games against Hampshire!

Sangakkara is easily the leading runscore in the Championship, even though he has had fewer innings than any of his rivals.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at his Championship run of form this summer ...

v Warwickshire, Oval

Scored 71 in his first innings of the season as Surrey won by an innings and one run.

v Lancashire, Oval

Scored 46 in the first innings and then, after Surrey had been asked to follow on, a second innings 136 that helped his side avoid defeat.

v Warwickshire, Edgbaston

Scored 105 in his only visit to the crease.



Kumar Sangakkara

v Middlesex, Lord's

Two hundreds in the same game at headquarters - a first innings 114 and a second innings 120 in a drawn encounter.

v Essex, Chelmsford

Sangakkara compiled his fifth successive Championship century in as many innings - a superb 200. Was close to making it six in a row in the second innings, when he was dismissed for 84.

v Essex, Guildford

Has only flop of the summer - scoring 4 and 26 in Surrey's eight wicket loss.

v Yorkshire, Headingley

The Sri Lanka returns to form quickly, with an unbeaten 180 in a rain-ruined match in Leeds.

v Yorkshire, Oval

Another large hundred against the Tykes, this time 164.

v Somerset, Oval

Another game, another first innings ton - 157 - which took his tally to 1369 from just 13 innings at an average of 124.45!

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United's great

Simon Carter



SAINTS were this weekend aiming for only their fifth home win over Manchester United since the Premier League was introduced a quarter of a century ago.

Of their previous triumphs, only one has come at St Mary's - James Beattie scoring a late winner in August 2003.

In all, Saints have faced United 12 times at St Mary's - nine in the league and three in the FA Cup.

While Saints have won just the once, United have triumphed in nine of the other 11.

Overall, United have won 10 of their 17 Premier League trips to Saints.

Here, the Daily Echo looks at the PL record between the two clubs at The Dell and St Mary's.

1992/93

Saints 0 Man Utd 1

Dion Dublin scores a late winner just a few weeks into the first ever Premier League season.



1993/94

Saints 1 Man Utd 3

Lee Sharpe, Denis Irwin and Eric Cantona were on target as United won again en route to a second PL title. Neil Maddison replied.

1994/95

Saints 2 Man United 2

Gary Pallister struck a 79th minute leveller for United. Jim Magilton and David Hughes twice put the hosts in front, with Nicky Butt supplying the first equaliser.

1995/96

Saints 3 Man Utd 1

We all know the story here - United fell three goals down in the first half before Alex Ferguson ordered them to change their



Egil Olsen celebrates scoring in the famous 6-3 win over Manchester United. Above left - Olsen drills home one of his two goals that day. Top right, James Beattie scores the winner in August 2003. Middle right, Danny Higginbotham dejected after United condemn Saints to relegation in 2005. Bottom right, Eric Cantona in the infamous United grey shirts at The Dell in 1996.

grey shirts as they were blending in with the background colour of the Dell crowd. Ken Monkou, Neil Shipperley and Matt Le Tissier netted with Ryan Giggs providing a late consolation.

1996/97

Saints 6 Man United 3

Over two decades on, this re-

mains one of Saints' greatest PL triumphs. It was the first time one of Alex Ferguson's United sides had ever shipped six goals, and came after Roy Keane had been sent off midway through the first half. Egil Olsen and Eyal Berkovic both scored twice with Matt Le Tissier and a Gary Neville own goal completing the half-dozen haul. David Beckham, Da-

vid May and Paul Scholes replied.

1997/98

Saints 1 Man Utd 0

Kevin Davies bagged an early winner as Saints scalped United for the third season running at The Dell.

1998/99

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run at St Mary's



Saints 0 Man Utd 3

Strike pair Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole both hit the target along with Jordi Cruyff.

1999/2000

Saints 1 Man Utd 3

Saints are 3-0 down inside 29 minutes to goals from David Beckham and Ole Solskjaer plus

a Francis Benali OG. Marian Pahars replies in the second half.

2000/01

Saints 2 Man Utd 1

United have already been crowned champions by the time they visit for the Dell's penultimate league game. A Wes Brown OG and a Marian Pahars strike

put Stuart Gray's men 2-0 up in 15 minutes. Ryan Giggs replies in the second half.

2001/02

Saints 1 Man Utd 3

Just a few weeks after hammering them 6-1 at Old Trafford, United win on their first trip to St Mary's. James Beattie opens the

scoring but Ruud van Nistelrooy quickly levels and United add further goals through David Beckham and Ole Solskjaer.

2002/03

Saints 0 Man Utd 2

Ruud van Nistelrooy and Ryan Giggs score inside the opening 25 minutes - one of only two home league defeats Saints suffered at home that season (Liverpool was the other).

2003/04

Saints 1 Man Utd 0

James Beattie popped up in the 88th minute to give Saints their last home league win against United.

2004/05

Saints 1 Man Utd 2

A sad day in the history of Saints as they suffered a defeat which relegated them from the Premier League on the last day of the season. A John O'Shea OG put them ahead, but Darren Fletcher quickly levelled and a Ruud van Nistelrooy winner shortly after the hour mark sentenced the hosts to the drop.

2012/13

Saints 2 Man Utd 3

Another sickening home loss - this time Robin van Persie scoring twice in the last four minutes to complete his hat-trick.

Rickie Lambert and Morgan Schneiderlin had twice put Nigel Adkins' newly promoted side in front, with van Persie providing the equaliser. The Dutchman also saw a penalty saved by Kelvin Davis.

2013/14

Saints 1 Man Utd 1

Rickie Lambert opened the scoring for Saints on what was to prove his last appearance for the club on the final day of the season. Juan Mata levelled nine minutes into the second half.

2014/15

Saints 1 Man Utd 2

That man Van Persie again, this time netting both goals - including a 71st minute winner - either side of a Graziano Pelle leveller.

2015/16

Saints 2 Man Utd 3

Two more goals for Graziano Pelle, but another defeat. This time Anthony Martial scored twice on his first league start for United, with Juan Mata also netting.

2016/17

Saints 0 Man Utd 0

A rare clean sheet for Saints against United, but a dull match overall as Saints continued their run of home games under Claude Puel without scoring.

Sampson's numbers

Mark Sampson has been sacked as England Women's manager.

Here, the Sports Pink reviews his reign in numbers.

2013 - Sampson was appointed England Women head coach in December 2013.

58 - The number of games Sampson was in charge of the Lionesses.

38 - The number of wins England enjoyed under Sampson, with seven draws and 13 defeats.

66 - Sampson's win percentage in charge of the Lionesses.

+95 - The goal difference enjoyed by England over Sampson's 58 matches in charge.

1-1 - The result of Sampson's first game in charge of England against Norway. Eni Aluko scored for the Lionesses, who were three minutes away from



Mark Sampson

victory against the 2013 European Championship runners-up.

10-0 - The biggest win of Sampson's reign as manager, away to Montenegro on September 17, 2014. Aluko scored a hat-trick, with Karen Carney and Toni Duggan each bagging a brace. England had recorded a 9-0 win against the same opposition in their previous game.

6-0 - The emphatic scoreline from his last game in charge against Russia on Tuesday.

3 - England finished third at the 2015 World Cup in Canada, beating Germany in the third-place play-off thanks to Fara Williams' extra-time penalty. Sampson's side also reached the last four of this summer's European Championship in Holland before losing to the hosts, who went on to win the competition.

43 - Sampson led England to a first victory over France in 43 years when they held on for a 1-0 win in the Euro 2017 quarter-finals.

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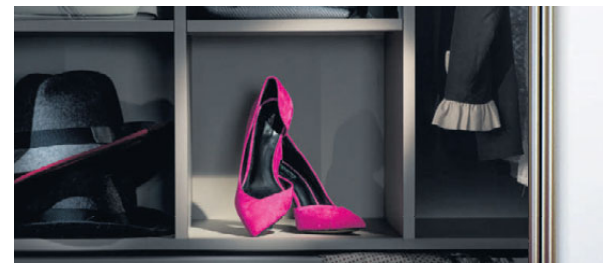
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LOCAL CRICKET



Three title winners in SPL Team of the Year

THREE of Havant's title winning side are included in the ECB Southern Premier Division 'Team of the Year.'

They are skipper and leading run scorer Ben Walker, opening bat Stuart Ransley and left-arm spinner Chris Morgan.

The 'select' team includes two teenagers – Academy captain Felix Organ and Harry Came – and Lymington's Matt Metcalfe, who hovered up the bowling award for a fifth time.

Premier Division select team

Stuart Ransley (Havant)

Hit two centuries, including a decisive one against South Wilts, his 540 runs played a key role in Havant's title triumph.

* Tom Arnold (New Milton)

Jointly retained his wicket-keeping award winning tag, made 401 runs, often on a trying home surface.

+ Ben Walker (Havant)

Double title winning captain, topped Premier batting charts



Dan Stancliffe

with 602 runs, inc one century and five scores of 50-plus.

Felix Organ (Academy)

Leading young player in the SPL with England Under-19 ICC World Cup aspirations, made 498 runs and took 11 wickets for the Academy

Harry Came (St Cross Symondians)

Became a real team player as the season progressed, favourite for the YC award with 579 runs (two tons) and 19 wickets.

Scott Myers (Alton)

Often held Alton's uncertain batting order together, with 491 runs.

James Hibberd (South Wilts)

Led a promising home grown South Wilts into an unexpected title push, taking 26 wickets.

Matt Metcalfe (Lymington)

Perennial bowling award winner, his 36 wickets had Lymington contesting the title for two-thirds of the season.

Dan Stancliffe (Burridge)

With 84 wickets in past three seasons, plus a handy late-order bat, has developed into a formidable all-rounder.

Chris Morgan (Havant)

The lead left-arm spinner in the SPL, took 32 wickets towards the championship cause.

Luke Evans (South Wilts)

Made massive steps this season, finishing with 35 wickets.

Three Bournemouth players in SPL1 Team



Mitch Stokes

THIRD placed Bournemouth missed out on a promotion ticket, but had the slight consolation of having three of their players named in a Southern Premier League Division 1 'Team of the Season.'

Brothers Chris and Nick Park once again featured prominently in the individual performance statistics on which the 'Team selection' was largely based, with teenage left-arm spinner Dom Clutterbuck chosen as one of the spin bowlers.

Title winning captain Mark Lavelle and young left-hander Ben Johns are selected from Calmore Sports, along with Basingstoke & North Hants all-rounder David Griffiths and Mitchell Stokes.

Division 1 'team' -

Nick Park (Bournemouth)

Consistent all summer with 525 runs including four 50-plus scores.

Ricky Rawlins (Sarisbury Athletic)

Terrific season, with 485 runs and 20 wickets.

Ben Thane (Hook & Newnham Basics)

494 runs and 14 wickets.

Ben Johns (Calmore Sports)

Teenage left-hander, won SPL1 batting award with 539 runs.

Mitch Stokes (Basingstoke)

Led Basingstoke to promotion, with 532 runs and 18 wickets.

David Lloyd (Rowledge)

417 runs and 22 wickets for a relegated

team.

+ Chris Park (Bournemouth)

Often had to prop up a fragile batting order with 388 runs and 23 victims.

Suman Ganguly (Liphook & Ripsley)

Explosive all-rounder with 380 runs and 14 wickets.

David Griffiths (Basingstoke)

His 39 wickets (at pace) and 250-odd runs had a major impact in Basingstoke's eventual promotion.

* Mark Lavelle (Calmore Sports)

His 32 wickets (inc 8-17 at Tichborne Park) and nagging line a key factor in Calmore's title win.

Dom Clutterbuck (Bournemouth)

The best young spin bowler in SPL1, took 29 wickets.

Injured Wade ready for Melbourne stint

Mike
Vimpany



SOUTH Wilts teenage talent William Wade has flown to Australia to hone his batting and spin bowling skills in Melbourne sub-district cricket.

But he won't be able to play for his adopted club Elsternwick just yet.

Wade broke his thumb in South Wilts' final game of the season at St Cross Symondians – they lost a 569-run thriller off the penultimate ball – so will initially take up a spectator's role.

Elsternwick, one of Melbourne's oldest clubs where the legendary Australia Test all-rounder Keith Miller played in his early days, get their pre-season programme under way this weekend.

But the injured Wade won't be bored as the Aussie Rules Grand Final is looming large next weekend and the 18-year old plans to be among a full house at the MCG.

Top scorer

Wade was South Wilts' top scorer this season, with 461 runs, including a maiden 103 against Lymington and four fifty-plus scores.

Besides playing regularly in the Minor Counties Championship for Wiltshire this season, Wade has turned out for the Worcestershire Academy.

And, but for his thumb injury, he would probably have played one or two Second XI Championship matches towards the end of the summer.



Will Wade

"Once I'm fit and playing again, spending a winter in Melbourne is a wonderful opportunity for me to develop not only my own game, but also coach," he said.

"I'm going to be working closely with Elsternwick's Under-16s to

help their transition into senior cricket but more importantly improve my own game, both in the batting and bowling departments.

"They play a lot of two day cricket over two weekends in Australia, so hopefully I'll be able to

spend more time building an innings and at the same time bowl a lot more overs of off-spin."

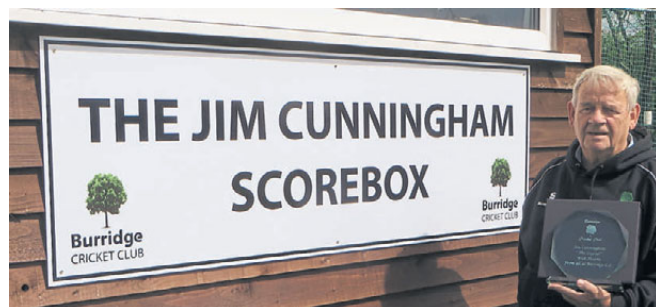
● South Wilts' Ben Draper made his Hampshire 2nd XI debut recently, scoring 18 in the rain ravaged draw with Glamorgan.

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LOCAL CRICKET



Burridge name their scoreboard after Jim



Jim Cunningham with the scoreboard named in his honour.

BURRIDGE are unlikely to forget the outstanding 30-year service Jim Cunningham gave them as scorer – they've named the scoreboard after him!

Jim packed away his calculator, pens and pencils for the last time after scoring Burridge's final Premier Division match of the season against Alton earlier this month – the curtain falling on three decades of meticulous cricket book-keeping and, more recently, operating the electronic scoreboard.

He got an emotional send off too – the Alton and Burridge teams forming a Guard of Honour when he came away from the scoreboard for the last time.

"It was a very emotional moment and the engraved glass plaque Burridge presented to me was a lovely gesture and will be treasured," Jim smiled.

"One final statistic – only two of the Burridge team that played against Alton were actually born when I began scoring for the club."

OTs title-winner Rob captain of SPL2 Team

Mike
Vimpany



Championship winning Rob Newman has been 'selected' as captain of the Southern Premier League Division 2 team of the season.

Having fine-tuned the club's pre-season training preparations, he went on to score 432 runs and take 26 wickets with his left-arm spin bowling.

OTs won the title, beating Hartley Wintney by one run in a thrilling winner-take-all showdown for the title on the final day of the season.

Division 2 team

Paul Hawkins (St Cross Symondians)

Hit 556 runs to win a divisional batting award for the second year running and lead St Cross Symondians II to third place.

George Marshall (Hambledon)

Did his best to keep eventually relegated Hambledon out of the mire with 469 runs.

Jason Laney (St Cross Symondians)

Playing for the first time in five years, the former Hampshire opener scored 421 runs, enjoying several fine stands with Paul Hawkins.

Nigel le Bas (Trojans)

A virtual ever-present for Trojans for almost two decades, le Bas enjoyed a terrific second half of the season, his 496-run tally including 131 not out at Hambledon.

*** Rob Newman (OTs & Romsey)**

Led OTs & Romsey's title charge from the front, scoring 432 runs and taking 26 wickets with his left-arm spin bowling.

Scott Baldwin (Hartley Wintney)



Rob Newman

Season restricted to eight games, but the Kiwi all-rounder had a real impact in Hartley Wintney's promotion drive when he played.

Jeremy Frith (Sparsholt)

Enjoyed a superb all-round season, scoring 553 runs (finishing just behind Hawkins) and winning the bowling award, with 39 wickets.

Rob Pittman (South Wilts)

Terrific solo show, scoring 295 runs and taking 37 wickets as South Wilts II fought a brave but ultimately unsuccessful bid to stave off relegation.

Peter Lamb (Paultons)

With 25 wickets, Lamb was the highest wicket-taking seam bowler in SPL2.

David Banks (Sparsholt)

Scored 385 runs in addition to taking 24 wickets – and spent hours on the Norman Edwards Ground earning Sparsholt the 'Most Improved Ground' award.

+ Will Kerr (Hartley Wintney)

Teenage wicketkeeper smashed 448 runs (mainly quickly), including a century at Trojans, and pouched 15 victims behind the stumps for the SPL2 runners-up.



Luke Evans

Harry and Luke up for SPL award

IT'S a two-way shoot-out between St Cross Symondians all-rounder Harry Came and South Wilts' pace bowling prospect Luke Evans for the Southern Premier League's prestigious Young Cricketer award.

The pair have both enjoyed successful individual seasons, with Came ending his 579-run summer with an unbeaten and match winning 112 at St Cross chased down 283-8 to beat South Wilts by four wickets off the penultimate ball.

Ironically, Came's other century this season came against South Wilts – and Evans – when he made 106 in a defeat at Bemerton.

Evans captured 35 wickets for South Wilts this season, finishing just one behind Lymington all-rounder Matt Metcalfe, who carried off the Premier Division bowling award once again.

He celebrated a maiden five-wicket return (5-20) against New Milton and twice enjoyed four-wicket hauls against Bashley (Rydal) and 4-35 in the New Milton return game.



Harry Came

HANTS CRICKET



HANTS FIXTURES 2017

<p>APRIL 2-4 Cardiff MCCU (h) FR Hants 289 (Carberry 100) & 271-6d (Vince 90) drew with Cardiff 98 & 110-2.</p> <p>7-10 Yorkshire (a) CC1 Yorkshire 273 & 187 (Abbott 7-41), Hants 141 & 321-6 (Adams 72). Hants won by 4 wickets</p> <p>14-17 Middlesex (h) CC1 Middlesex 456 (Wheal 4-98) & 278-9 (Abbott 5-59), Hants 438 (Rossouw 99, Carberry 98). Drawn.</p> <p>21-24 Yorkshire (h) CC1 Hants 455 (Vince 147, Berg 99no), Yorkshire 231 (Berg 4-62) & 399-6 (Abbott 3-65). Drawn</p> <p>27 Kent (a) 50L Kent 258, Hants 260-4 (Alsop 112no). Hants won by 6 wickets.</p> <p>30 Essex (a) 50L Essex 304-7, Hants 279 (Vince 68, Bailey 63). Hants lost by 25 runs.</p> <p>MAY 3 Middlesex (h) 50L Middlesex 295 (Gubbins 114, Topley 4-68) beat Hants 146-7 (Bailey 52no) by 89 runs (D/L)</p> <p>7 Gloucestershire (h) 50L Hants 239-3 (Vince 89*) beat Gloucs 237 (Dawson 3-30) by 7 wickets</p> <p>10 Somerset (a) 50L Hants 250-6 (Rossouw 156) beat Somerset 249 (Berg 3-44) by 4 wickets</p> <p>12 Glamorgan (h) 50L Hants 332-6 (Vince 178) lost to Glamorgan 334-7 (Crane 3-69) by 3 wickets</p> <p>14 Surrey (a) 50L Hants 271-8 (Bailey 145no) lost to Surrey 238-2 by 66 runs (D/L)</p> <p>17 Sussex (h) 50L Match abandoned</p> <p>19-22 Essex (a) CC1 Essex 360 (K Abbott 5-58) beat Hants 115 & 148 by an innings and 97 runs.</p> <p>26-29 Somerset (a) CC1 Hants 162 & 293 (Carberry 51) beat Somerset 197 & 168 (Crane 5-40) by 90 runs</p> <p>JUNE 2-5 Warwickshire (h) CC1 Hants 515 (Adams 166, Ervine 203) beat Warwickshire 254 & 167 (Abbott 4-32) by an innings and 94 runs</p> <p>8-11 South Africa A (h) Fr South Africa A 370-7d & 185-1d beat Hampshire 185 & 119 by 251 runs.</p> <p>19-22 Lancashire (a) CC1 Hants 395 (Bailey 127, Abbott 97no) & 168 (Berg 49) lost to Lancashire 593 (Berg 4-111) by an innings and 30 runs</p> <p>26-29 Somerset (h) CC1 Hants 211-9d (Dawson 53) & 96-5d drew with Somerset 147 (Berg 4-28, Holland 4-16) & 88-8 (Berg 3-17).</p> <p>JULY 3-6 Surrey (a) CC1 Hants 648-7d (Bailey 161, Adams 144, Vince 104, Ervine 83, Holland 53no), Surrey 483 (Holland 3-37) & 166-3. Draw</p> <p>7 Glamorgan (a) T20 Hampshire 167-5 (McManus 59),</p>	<p>Glamorgan 145-9 (Afridi 4-20, Topley 3-23). Won by 22 runs</p> <p>12 Sussex (a) T20 Hampshire 188-3 (Vince 81, Rossouw 44, Carberry 41), Sussex 169-7 (Abbott 3-22). Won by 19 runs</p> <p>14 Middlesex (h) T20 Hampshire 189-8 (Carberry 77), Middlesex 160-7 (Crane 3-17). Won by 29 runs</p> <p>20 Sussex (h) T20 Hampshire 126-9 (T Alsop 64), Sussex 127-4. Lost by 6 wickets</p> <p>21 Essex (a) T20 Hampshire 124-9 (Carberry 30), Essex 129-3. Lost by 7 wickets</p> <p>23 Surrey (h) T20 Match abandoned</p> <p>26 Somerset (a) T20 Somerset 204-9, Hampshire 190 (L McManus 34). Lost by 14 runs</p> <p>28 Gloucestershire (a) T20 Gloucestershire 174-5, Hampshire 121-3. Won on D/L Method.</p> <p>AUGUST 1 Kent (h) T20 Kent 159-6 (S Afridi 4-26), Hampshire 154-4 (T Alsop 43, G Bailey 41). Lost by 5 runs.</p> <p>3 Middlesex (a) T20 Middlesex 136 (K Abbott 3-26), Hampshire 137-4 (R Rossouw 60). Won by 6 wickets.</p> <p>4 Essex (h) T20 Hampshire 168-6 (G Bailey 89no), Essex 169-6 (L Dawson 3-41). Lost by 4 wickets.</p> <p>6-9 Lancashire (h) CC1 Lancashire 149 (M Crane 3-27) & 314-5, Hampshire 224 (L Dawson 75). Drawn.</p> <p>10 Glamorgan (h) T20 Glamorgan 118-6 (M Crane 3-21), Hampshire 119-2 (J Vince 60no). Won by 8 wickets.</p> <p>11 Kent (a) T20 Kent 167-7, Hampshire 171-4 (J Vince 55, C Dickinson 51). Won by 6 wickets.</p> <p>18 Somerset (h) T20 Somerset 189-3, Hampshire 91. Lost by 98 runs.</p> <p>22 Derbyshire (A) T20 QF Hampshire 249-8 (S Afridi 101, J Vince 55), Derbyshire 148 (K Abbott 3-25, L Dawson 3-28). Won by 101 runs.</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2 Notts (T20 SF) Notts 169-7, Hampshire 146 (J Vince 56). Hants lost by 23 runs.</p> <p>5-8 Surrey (h) CC1 Surrey 200 (L Dawson 4-22) & 280-4, Hampshire 280 (G Berg 80, G Bailey 51, I Holland 51). Drawn</p> <p>12-15 Middlesex (a) CC1 Middlesex 204 (F Edwards 5-79, K Abbott 3-25) & 14-1, Hampshire 146. Drawn</p> <p>19-22 Essex (h) CC1 Hampshire 254 & 76; Essex 76 & 362 (f/o). Lost</p> <p>25-28 Warwickshire (a) CC1</p>
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Two down is 'too harsh'...

Simon
Walter



HAMPSHIRE head coach Craig White believes the Specsavers County Championship is too harsh on the first division teams.

There will be no shortage of interest as Hampshire try to preserve their first division status in the final week of the season for the third successive year.

But White believes that relegating two teams from a first division reduced to eight counties for the first time this season is too many.

Speaking after Hampshire's 108-run defeat against county champions Essex - their third-ever loss after enforcing the follow-on - he said: "Essex ran away with it brilliantly this year and deserve it.

"But if it had been closer you could have got a situation where the same team could either win the title or be relegated going into the final round of the season.

"I think that's very harsh. With the format this year - 25 per cent of the division going down - it was always going to be a bunfight.

"We hoped we wouldn't be in it but we're in it now.

"We find ourselves in a real battle. It's a very harsh division, probably too harsh, but we're in that position and have to get ourselves out of it."

Hampshire have a 13-point advantage over second-from-bottom Somerset going into the final round of games.

A draw may be enough for Hampshire to beat the drop, even if Somerset beat Middlesex at Taunton (Middlesex are only three points above Hampshire, while Yorkshire are not completely safe either).

But White warned: "If you go in with that mindset you'll come unstuck, we've seen that happen a few times over the years.

"Warwickshire have nothing to lose and will want to finish season on a high to take into next year.

"Every team in division one is very good, anyone can beat anyone on their day so we have to make sure we play well.

"The boys need to turn up."

Hampshire needed 185 to win in 67 overs after Essex, having started the final day on 247-5, were bowled out for 362 following a ninth-wicket stand of 82 between Neil Wagner and James Foster.

But Hampshire were bowled out for 76, as Essex were in their first innings.



Jimmy Adams is spectacularly bowled by Sam Cook as Hampshire were skittled for 76 by Essex on Friday (Photo by Neil Marshall)

It was their first defeat after enforcing the follow on since Essex's last Championship-winning team achieved the feat at Bournemouth in 1992.

"We were hoping to chase a few less, maybe around 120-130, although that would have been tough the way they bowled," admitted White.

"We bowled well at the start of the day but that partnership took the wind out of our sails.

"We have been inconsistent, and we have just had a chat about that now.

"Everyone needs to take a look at themselves and find out why we keep losing clumps of wickets."

HANTS CRICKET



Hampshire players look on as Nigel Cowley receives a retirement gift from his former Hampshire captain Nick Pocock during his last match as a first-class umpire at The Ageas Bowl on Thursday (Photo by Neil Marshall)

Carberry leaves as a Hampshire legend

Simon
Walter



MICHAEL Carberry leaves Hampshire as a legend after signing a two-year deal with Leicestershire this week.

Carberry joined Leicestershire on loan last month before returning to the Hampshire ranks briefly for the NatWest T20 Blast semi-final defeat against Nottinghamshire, which turned out to be his last appearance for the county.

Now he is set to end his career at Grace Road, the ground where his first-class career began when he made his Surrey debut in 2001.

His career failed to get going at his home county or with Kent, but has flourished during his time at The Ageas Bowl, which began under Shane Warne's captaincy.

Hampshire director of cricket, Giles White said: "Michael has been an outstanding professional for Hampshire over a number of years.

"He has been an integral part of many successful campaigns and has always been a very popular figure at the club.

"We all wish him well with the exciting challenge at Leicestershire and look forward to seeing him back at the Ageas Bowl in the future."



Michael Carberry hits his last six for Hampshire during last month's Natwest T20 Blast semi-final defeat

shire and look forward to seeing him back at the Ageas Bowl in the future."

The left-hander has been a tremendous servant for the club since joining from Surrey in 2006 and has been a prominent performer with the bat for more than a decade.

Carberry amassed a total of more than 16,849 runs in 369 matches for Hampshire across all formats, with more than 10,000 of these coming in first-class cricket at an average of 42.64.

He scored 9,688 Championship runs for Hampshire at 41.40, including 24 centuries.

His career-best 300 not out against Yorkshire in 2011, against an attack including Ryan Sidebottom and Adil Rashid was one of many career highlights at The Ageas Bowl.

The 523 runs he shared with Neil McKenzie for Hampshire's third wicket in that match will surely remain Hampshire's highest partnership for any wicket for many years.

Ironically, Carberry scored more first-class runs against Warwickshire, Hampshire's opponents next week, than any other county (1369 at 50.7).

He has also been a key player in Hampshire's limited-overs success over the years, contributing 3,519 List A runs at an average of 38.67 and 3,066 T20 runs at an average of 31.28.

Few who were there will forget his unbeaten 100 (66 balls) against Lancashire as Hampshire won their 2013 T20 quarter final by one run, a few months after his 150 not out (115 balls) against the same opposition in that season's 40-over competition.

During his time with Hampshire, Carberry has represented England in all three formats, playing six Tests, six one-day internationals and one T20 international.

But one of his biggest successes during his time at The Ageas Bowl has been the way he has overcome adversity.

Who knows how much more he would have achieved had it not been for the blood clots that were discovered on his lungs in 2010.

The way he has battled back from cancer in the last 14 months has also been nothing short of inspirational.

Now Carberry, who turns 37 next week, is looking forward to the a new chapter.

"It is great to be joining Leicestershire," he said.

"We have a healthy balance of talented young players and experience within the squad and I'm looking forward to helping the club win games over the next two years."

Leicestershire CCC Chief Executive Wasim Khan MBE said: "We've been looking to add an experienced opener to our squad and Michael fits the bill for us.

"Michael's first-class record speaks for itself, and this coupled with his international experience and hunger to perform, will add significant value to the development of our younger players both on and off the field. It is great to have Michael with us for the next two seasons."

Hants invited to Super 50

HAMPSHIRE are considering whether to accept an invitation to take part in the West Indies' Regional Super50 competition next year.

Kent have also been invited to play in the domestic one-day competition after finishing third in their group in the last edition, which started in January, by winning three of their eight matches.

Hampshire have toured Barbados during pre-season for the last nine years and the forthcoming tournament takes place ahead of the start of the next county season.

Giles White's squad is also likely to have players involved in the England Lions' squad that will tour the Caribbean for four-day and one-day series against West Indies A in February and March.

The North v South pre-season 50-over series has also been moved from the United Arab Emirates to Barbados.



West Indies' Shai Hope

There will be three North-South matches in Bridgetown, the first two at the Kensington Oval on March 18 and 21 and the third at the Three Ws Oval on March 23.

It would not be the first time Hampshire have taken part in a domestic West Indies' competition.

Hampshire reached the final of the 2010/11 Caribbean T20, where they lost to Trinidad & Tobago after wins against Leeward Islands and Barbados in the group stage and a four-run defeat of the Windward Islands in the semi-final.

Last year's competition was made up of two groups of five, with the top two in each qualifying for the semi-finals.

West Indies star Shai Hope scored a century as Barbados won the final by 59 runs against Jamaica. Other stars of West Indies' T20 team, including Evin Lewis, Kraigg Brathwaite and Darren Sammy, also featured in the four-week tournament.

Robin held England ODI record for over 20 years

TWO former Hampshire players possess two of the four highest England ODI innings of all time.

Robin Smith lashed 167 not out against Australia at Edgbaston in 1993.

At the time it established a new England record, beating David Gower's 158 against New Zealand in 1983.

Though he later played for Hampshire, Gower was a Leicestershire player at the time of his record-breaking innings.

Alex Hales now holds the overall record, with his 171 against Pakistan last summer.

And Jason Roy is the third highest, after smacking 162 against Sri Lanka at The Oval.

HIGHEST ENGLAND ODI INNINGS

- 171 - AD Hales v Pakistan, Trent Bridge, 2016
- 167* - RA Smith v Australia, Edgbaston, 1993
- 162 - JJ Roy v Sri Lanka, Oval, 2016
- 158 - DI Gower v New Zealand, Brisbane, 1982/83
- 158 - AJ Strauss v India, Bangalore, 2010/11



Robin Smith

- 154 - AJ Strauss v Bangladesh, Edgbaston, 2010
- 152 - AJ Strauss v Bangladesh, Trent Bridge, 2005
- 142* - CWJ Athey v New Zealand, Old Trafford, 1986
- 142 - GA Gooch v Pakistan, Karachi, 1987/88
- 141 - IR Bell v Australia, Hobart, 2014/15
- 137 - DL Amiss v India, Lord's, 1975
- 137 - ME Trescothick v Pakistan Lord's, 2001
- 137 - IJL Trott v Australia, Sydney, 2010/11
- 137 - AN Cook v Pakistan, Abu Dhabi, 2011/12
- 136 - GA Gooch v Australia, Lord's, 1989
- 133* - AD Hales v Sri Lanka, Edgbaston, 2016
- 133* - JE Root v Bangladesh, Oval, 2017
- 131 - KWR Fletcher v New Zealand, Trent Bridge, 1975
- 130 - DI Gower v Sri Lanka, Taunton, 1983
- 130 - ME Trescothick v West Indies, Gros Islet, 2003/04
- 130 - KP Pietersen v Pakistan, Dubai, 2011/12
- 129* - GA Gooch v West Indies, Port of Spain, 1985/86
- 129 - RA Smith v India, Gwalior, 1992/93
- 129 - JC Buttler v New Zealand Edgbaston, 2015
- 128 - RA Smith v New Zealand Headingley, 1990
- 128 - MM Ali v Scotland, Christchurch, 2014/15
- 127 - MA Atherton v West Indies, Lord's, 1995

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The Ageas Bowl's

Simon
Carter



ENGLAND host the West Indies on September 29 in The Ageas Bowl's latest One Day International. Here, the Sports Pink looks back at all the ODIs played at the West End venue so far - and there have been some phenomenal performances.

2003

Makhaya Ntini was man of the match in the first ever ODI staged at The Ageas Bowl - or The Rose Bowl as it was then known.

The ground was only in its third year of use when South African defeated Zimbabwe in a NatWest Bank Series encounter.

Ntini dismissed four of the Zimbabwe top five - including Sean Ervine, two years before the all-rounder joined Hampshire.

Former Hampshire player Heath Streak struck an unbeaten 50 at No 8, but Zimbabwe's 173-8 total off 50 overs didn't look anywhere near enough.

So it proved, as skipper Graeme Smith and Jacques Rudolph both hit 69 in South Africa's seven wicket romp.

2004

The West Indies' first visit to The Ageas Bowl met a soggy end as their NatWest Bank Series group game with New Zealand was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

The Rose Bowl was then chosen to host five ICC Champions Trophy games in September 2004.

The only other grounds used were The Oval and Edgbaston, so it was a huge honour for Hampshire - especially as the venue was only in its fourth year of use.

The first game saw Sourav Ganguly (90) and VVS Laxman (79) help India post 289-4, with minnows Kenya replying with 192-7.

If that was relatively one-sided, it was nothing compared to the game that followed.

That saw Australia rout the USA for just 65 with Michael Kasprowicz (4-14) Jason Gillespie (4-15) destroyers in chief.

Matthew Hayden and Adam Gilchrist were in no mood to hang around, and Australia won by nine wickets in less than eight overs.

There wasn't really a level playing field in the third game either.

Chris Gayle was out of for 99 as West Indies piled out 269-3 against Bangladesh. Merv Dillon's 5-29 haul hustled the Asian country out for 131.

Andrew Flintoff provided The Rose Bowl's first ODI century



New Zealand's Martin Guptill celebrates reaching his century at The Ageas Bowl four years ago. Above, Ian Bell has scored two ODI centuries for England in West End.

when England made their first appearance there in a group game against Sri Lanka.

The all-rounder - then the heartbeat of the English side - struck 104 out of a total of 251-7, Marcus Trescothick adding 66.

In a game which went into a second day due to rain, the bad weather again intervened to end Sri Lanka's innings at 95-5 - Flint-

off and Steve Harmison both taking 2-21.

England were declared 49-run winners under the Duckworth/Lewis Method.

The West Indies were back a few days later to face Pakistan in a semi final.

After dismissing Pakistan for 131, Ramnaresh Sarvan's unbeaten 56 helped the Windies win by

seven wickets.

2006

The unlikely figure of Jonathan Dalrymple top scored with 62 as England posted 271-9 against Pakistan when The Rose Bowl next held an ODI in September 2006.

Paul Collingwood hit 61, Andrew Strauss 50 and Ian Bell 42.

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full ODI history



Three huge totals at the Ageas Bowl

THREE of the highest nine ODI innings against England have been scored at the home of Hampshire Cricket.

They came from Martin Guptill (New Zealand), Hashim Amla (South Africa) and Shane Watson (Australia). And, remarkably, they came in three successive ODIs at the venue.

HIGHEST ODI INNINGS AGAINST ENGLAND

- 189* - IVA Richards, for West Indies, Old Trafford, 1984
- 189 - MJ Guptill, for New Zealand, The Ageas Bowl, 2013
- 161 - SR Watson, for Australia, Melbourne 2010/11
- 152 - ST Jayasuriya, for Sri Lanka, Headingley, 2006
- 150 - HM Amla, for South Africa, The Ageas Bowl, 2012
- 150 - Yuvraj Singh, for India, Cuttack 2016/17
- 145 - DM Jones, for Australia, Brisbane 1990/91
- 144 - DPMD Jayawardene, for Sri Lanka, Headingley, 2011
- 143 - SR Watson, for Australia, The Ageas Bowl, 2013
- 142 - A Flower, for Zimbabwe, Harare, 2001/02
- 141 - GC Smith, for South Africa, Centu-



Hashim Amla

- 139 - JM How, for New Zealand, Napier, 2007/08
- 139 - HDRL Thirumanne, for Sri Lanka, Wellington 2014/15
- 138 - IVA Richards, for West Indies, Lord's, 1979
- 138 - DL Haynes, for West Indies, Gwalior, 1989/90
- 138 - Yuvraj Singh, for India, Rajkot, 2008/09
- 138 - Q de Kock, for S Africa, Bloemfontein, 2015/16
- 137 - Ijaz Ahmed, for Pakistan, Sharjah 1998/99
- 136 - SR Watson, for Australia, Centurion 2009/10
- 135 - AJ Finch, for Australia, Melbourne 2014/15
- 135 - Q de Kock, for S Africa, Centurion 2015/16
- 134 - NS Sidhu, for India, Gwalior, 1992/93
- 134 - KC Sangakkara, for Sri Lanka, Oval, 2013
- 134 - MS Dhoni, for India, Cuttack 2016/17
- 132 - MS Atapattu, for Sri Lanka, Lord's, 1998
- 132 - CH Gayle, for W Indies, Lord's, 2004
- 128 - D Ramdin, for W Indies, North Sound, 2013/14
- 128 - Tamim Iqbal, for Bangladesh, Oval, 2017
- 127 DA Warner, for Australia, Sydney, 2014/15
- 127 HM Amla, for South Africa, Centurion, 2015/16

remaining.

2010

Eoin Morgan was man of the match after his unbeaten 107 off 101 balls had helped England post 256-6 against Pakistan.

Stuart Broad (3-25) and Graeme Swann (3-26) picked up cheap wickets as the tourists crumbled to 135 all out.

2011

Alistair Cook, not renowned for his T20 performances, was man of the match as England beat India in a rain-affected encounter in September 2011.

After rain had reduced the match to 23 overs a side, India opened with 187-8 - Graeme Swann taking 3-33.

Cook then struck an unbeaten 80 off 63 balls as England won by seven wickets with five balls left.

Fellow opener Craig Kieswetter had provided the early impetus, though, with 46 off 25 balls before holing out in the seventh over.

2012

Alistair Cook was out for a duck when the West Indies visited, but fellow opener Ian Bell's 126 helped England total 288-6. Jonathan Trott hit 42 and Craig Kieswetter was 28 not out.

Tim Bresnan bagged 4-24 as the tourists were dismissed for 172.

Two months later, England were back at West End for an ODI against South Africa - and again Cook was out without troubling the scorers.

Bell and Samit Patel both hit 45 as England, chasing 288 for victory, were 207 all out.

Star performer for South Africa was opener Hashim Amla, whose 150 off 124 balls was a new ODI record for The Ageas Bowl.

2013

Amazingly, it was a record that was smashed when the ground next hosted an ODI, against New Zealand.

Kiwis opener Martin Guptill blasted a startling 189 not out off 155 balls, with 19 fours and two sixes, as the tourists posted 359-3 off 50 overs.

Jonathan Trott replied with an undefeated 109 but England fell short on 273-8.

Three months later, in September, England were again on the end of a huge score from a visiting batsman.

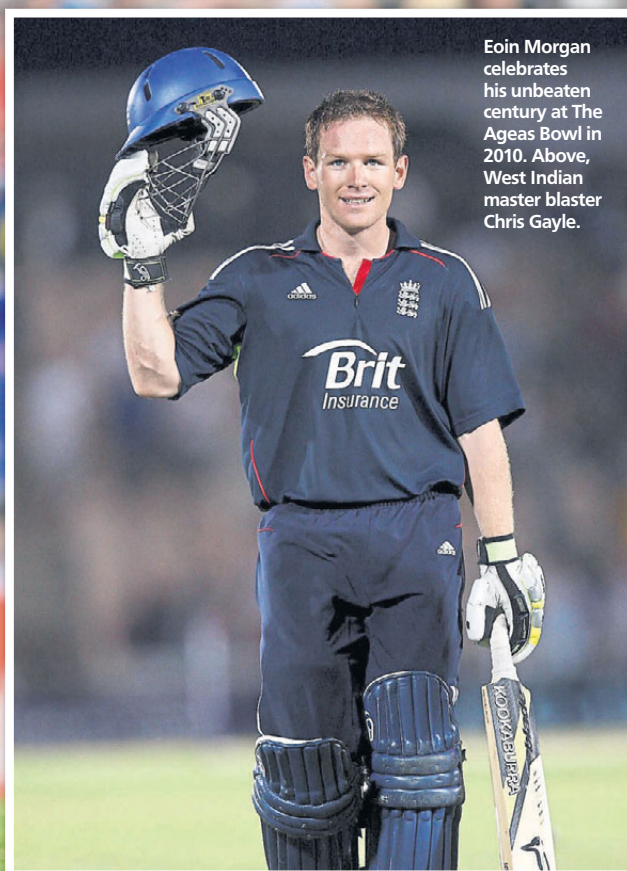
One-time Hampshire all-rounder Shane Watson smacked 143 off only 107 balls (12 fours and six sixes) as Australia posted 298. The next highest score was Aaron Finch's 26.

Samit Patel (82) and Jos Buttler (42) provided middle order runs as England fell 49 runs short.

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Eoin Morgan celebrates his unbeaten century at The Ageas Bowl in 2010. Above, West Indian master blaster Chris Gayle.



Younis Khan (101) and Mohammad Yousuf (60) held together Pakistan's reply, which saw them win by two wickets with seven balls remaining.

2007

Ian Bell struck a new Rose Bowl ODI best of 126 as England rattled up 288-2 off 50 overs against India.

Alistair Cook scored 102 while Hampshire's Kevin Pietersen contributed a breezy 33 not out off 25 balls.

India were never in contention once Sachin Tendulkar was dismissed early - one of four victims for James Anderson (4-23 off 10 overs) - and were all out for 184.

2009

Cameron White struck 105 as

Australia romped to a six wicket win in September 2009.

Andrew Strauss (63) provided early runs for the hosts, but they needed tailenders Tim Bresnan (31no) and Ryan Sidebottom (24no) to hoist them up to 228-9.

Skipper Michael Clarke, back at The Rose Bowl five years after playing for Hampshire, hit 52 as the Aussies won with nine balls

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2015

Two visiting batsmen scored hundreds as New Zealand successfully chased over 300 to win at The Ageas Bowl.

Eoin Morgan (107) - his second ODI ton at the stadium - Ben Stokes (68) and Joe Root (54) helped England total 302.

Once upon a time, that would have been a winning score - but Kane Williamson (118) and Ross Taylor (110) ensured the Kiwis won by three wickets.

England suffered a fifth successive ODI loss at the Ageas Bowl in September when Australia won by 59 runs.

David Warner (59), Joe Burns (44) and Steve Smith (44) gave the tourists a solid platform before Mitchell Wade came in at No 7 to hit 71 not out as Australia posted 305-6.

Jason Roy (67) top scored as England made 246 in reply.

2016



Ben Stokes

England arrested their losing run in West End in a rain-wrecked encounter against Pakistan.

After the tourists had posted 260-6, England were 194-3 when the rain came - Eoin Morgan's side winning by 44 runs under the Duckworth/Lewis Method.

Jason Roy (65) and Joe Root (61) top scored while Morgan was 33 not out.

2017

Ben Stokes was man of the match as England won a thrilling encounter with South Africa.

In one of the best ODI games played at The Ageas Bowl, Stokes (101) and Jos Buttler (65) helped England amass 330-6.

Captain Eoin Morgan hit 45 while Moeen Ali struck an unbeaten 33 off 19 balls.

South Africa fell just three runs short of victory, with David Miller's 71 giving England more than few tense moments after opener Quinton de Kock's 98.

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Viv loved piling

Simon Carter



THE West Indies are at the Ageas Bowl next weekend for the final ODI of their five-game series with England.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at some of the most memorable ODIs between the two countries in England.

September 1973

A thrilling finish at Headingley as England, set 182 for victory, triumphed by just one wicket.

Bob Willis and Derek Underwood put on the necessary six runs for the last wicket, after Mike Denness (66) and Tony Greig (44) had been the only top order batsmen to hang around long.

Mike Hendrick had earlier returned 11-4-27-1 as the Windies were all out for 181 in 54 overs. Imagine those scoring rates today!

August 1976

Viv Richards had already destroyed England in the Test series, scoring 232 at Trent Bridge and 291 at The Oval.

The last thing England needed was to see him impress in the three-day ODI series that followed.

But that was exactly what happened - Richards hitting 119 not out in the first game which, unusually, was held at an outground, Scarborough.

Richards then struck 97 at Lord's before ending a spectacular summer with a duck at Edgbaston.

The Windies, who had won the Test series 3-0, won the ODI series by the same margin.

June 1979

Viv Richards hammered an imperious 138 not out as West Indies defeated England in the World Cup final at Lord's.

The holders had been reduced to 99-4, but No 6 bat Collis King whacked 86 off 66 balls before Richards took centre stage.

The Somerset legend hit 11 fours and three sixes in his 153-ball innings as the Windies posted 286-9 off 60 overs.

England reached 129-0 and 182-2 in reply, but openers Geoff Boycott and Mike Brearley had not scored fast enough and England were well behind the run rate.

Joe Garner then tore through the order, finishing with 5-38 - clean bowling four victims - as England collapsed to 194 all out.

Their last eight wickets mustered just 12 runs.

May 1984

Recalling the great England v West Indies ODIs ahead of Ageas Bowl encounter...



Viv Richards hooks Derek Pringle for another four on his way to a record 189 not out at Old Trafford. Left - Mike Atherton starred for England in a narrow win in 1991.

Viv Richards - yes, him again! - struck yet another century against England - and this one rewrote the record books.

England had reduced the tourists to 102-7 and 166-9 in an ODI at Old Trafford, with last man Michael Holding about to join Richards at the crease.

The pair added an unbroken 106 for the last wicket, with Holding scoring just 12.

Richards ended unbeaten on 189 - at the time the highest score by a West Indies player in an ODI. It was a record he would hold until Chris Gayle blazed 215 in a World Cup tie against Zimbabwe in 2015.

Richards struck 21 fours and five sixes in his 170-ball epic as the Windies finished on 272-9 off 55 overs.

That would not be considered anywhere near a decent score to-

day, but back then it certainly was and Richards bagged 2-45 with his occasional off-spin as England were dismissed for 168.

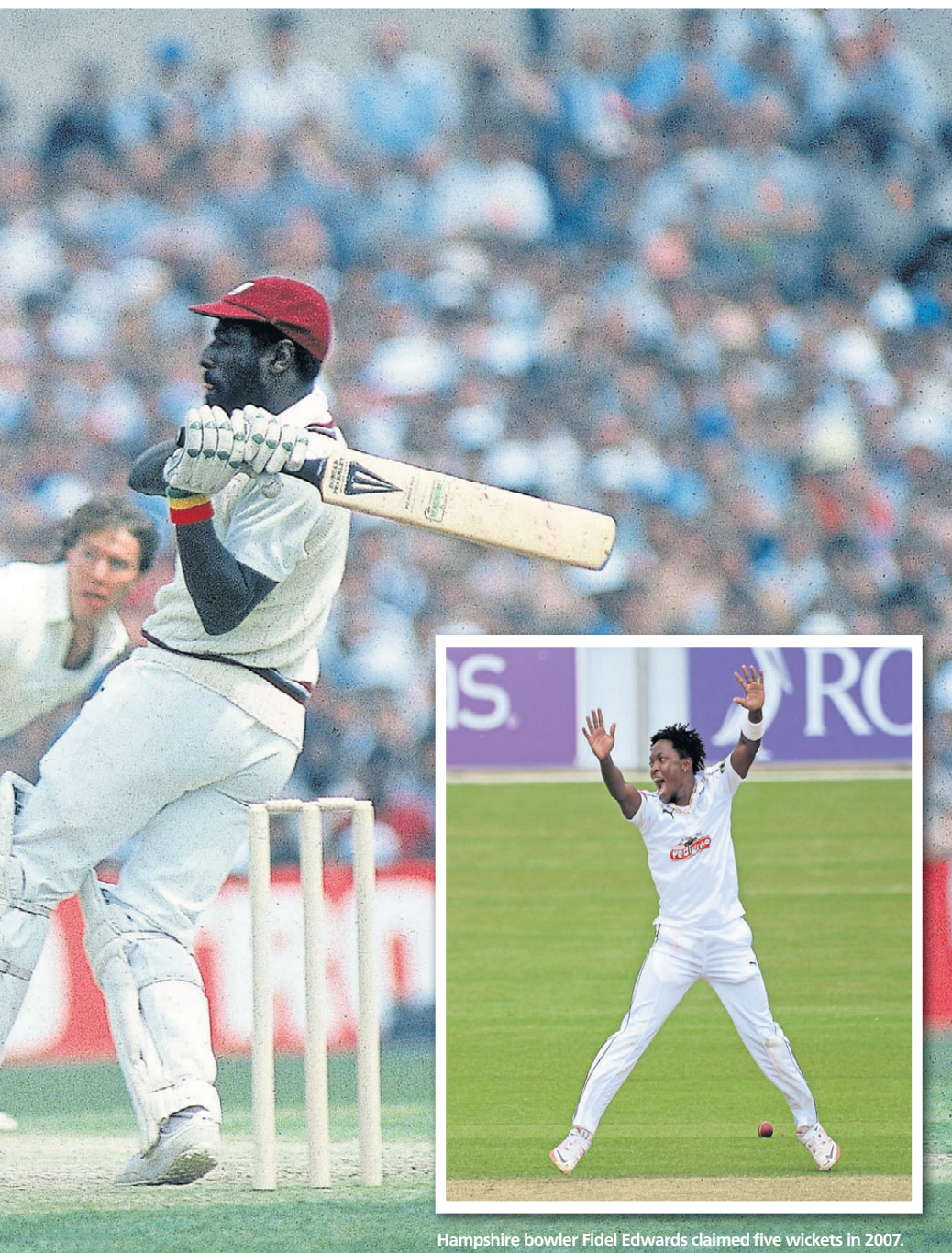
After England won the next game, Richards' unbeaten 84 at Lord's in the series decider gave West Indies overall victory.

May 1988

Four years later, it was a different story as Mike Gatting's Eng-

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on the misery!



Hampshire bowler Fidel Edwards claimed five wickets in 2007.

land won the three-games ODI series 3-0.

Derek Pringle was the unlikely man of the match in the second game at Headingley, top scoring at No 6 with 39 as England posted 186-8 and then bagging 3-30 as the Windies were dismissed for 139.

May 1991

A thrilling finish at Edgbaston saw England win by one wicket.

Ian Botham had rolled back the years to take 4-45 as the tourists were restricted to 175-9 off 55 overs.

Opener Mike Atherton held the England reply together, but at 152-9 hope appeared lost.

But last man Richard Illingsworth helped Atherton (69no) to put on an unbroken 23 for the last wicket.

The Windies bowlers only had

themselves to blame - they sent down 18 wides and 16 no balls. England's total of 43 extras was the next highest after Atherton's knock!

England went on to win the three-games 3-0, with Neil Fairbrother (113no) and Graeme Hick (86no) powering England to a seven wicket win in the last game after being set 265 for victory.

May 1995

A run-fest at The Oval as England piled up 306-6 off 55 overs.

That was considered a great score in those days, with opener Mike Atherton (91), Graeme Hick (66no) and Neil Fairbrother (61) all filling their boots.

Nerves were starting to jangle when No 7 Junior Murray smacked 86 off 77 balls, but in the end West Indies fell 25 runs short.

July 2004

The spectators at Lord's were treated to a run-fest featuring three centurions.

First off, Andrew Flintoff lashed an ODI best 123 - with eight fours and seven sixes - and Andrew Strauss hit 100 as England amassed 288-7.

That still wasn't enough, however, as Chris Gayle's unbeaten 132 and 89 from Ramnarest Sarwan helped the Windies power to a seven wicket success.

July 2007

Current Hampshire fast bowler Fidel Edwards took five wickets at Lord's - but England still won by 79 runs.

Ex-Hampshire all-rounder Dimi Mascarenhas (out for two) was one of Edwards' victims as he ended with 5-45 as England could only muster 225 all out off 49.5 overs.

In reply, West Indies slumped to 13-4 - Chris Gayle falling for six, Runako Morton and Marlon Samuels dismissed in successive balls by James Anderson and then Dwayne Smith being run out.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul rebuilt the innings with 53 not out off 100 balls, but Stuart Broad took 3-20 as the West Indies were all out for 146.

June 2012

Ian Bell struck a century on the last occasion England hosted the West Indies in an ODI at The Ageas Bowl.

The Warwickshire batsman opened the innings with Alistair Cook (who was out for a third ball duck) and smacked 126.

It remains the second highest ODI score by an English batsman in a home game against the Windies - Michael Atherton's 127 at Lord's in 1995 the only higher individual score.

With Jonathan Trott hitting 42 and Craig Kieswetter a breezy 38 not out, England posted 288-6 off 50 overs.

Dwayne Smith thumped 56 off 44 balls in reply but Tim Bresnan bagged 4-34 as the tourists were dismissed for 172.

England ODI records

MOST CENTURIES

- 12 - ME Trescothick 2000-2006
- 10 - EJG Morgan 2009-2017
- 10 - JE Root 2012/13-2017
- 9 - KP Pietersen 2004/05-2013
- 8 - GA Gooch 1976-1994/95
- 7 - DI Gower 1978-1990/91
- 6 - AJ Strauss 2003/04-2010/11
- 5 - GA Hick 1991-2000/01
- 5 - NV Knight 1996-2002/03
- 5 - PD Collingwood 2001-2010/11
- 5 - AN Cook 2006-2014/15
- 5 - AD Hales 2014-2017
- 4 - DL Amiss 1972-1977
- 4 - AJ Lamb 1982-1992
- 4 - RA Smith 1988-1995/96
- 4 - AJ Stewart 1989/90-2002/03
- 4 - IJL Trott 2009-2013
- 4 - IR Bell 2004/05-2014/15
- 4 - JC Buttler 2011/12-2017
- 3 - A Flintoff 1998/99-2008/09
- 3 - JJ Roy 2015-2017
- 3 - BA Stokes 2011-2017

MOST RUNS

- IR Bell - 5416
- PD Collingwood - 5092
- EJG Morgan - 5028
- AJ Stewart - 4677
- KP Pietersen - 4422
- ME Trescothick - 4335
- GA Gooch - 4290
- AJ Strauss - 4205
- AJ Lamb - 4010
- GA Hick - 3846
- JE Root - 3802
- NV Knight - 3637



Marcus Trescothick

MOST WICKETS

- JM Anderson - 269
- D Gough - 234
- SCJ Broad - 178
- A Flintoff - 168
- IT Botham - 145
- PAJ DeFreitas - 115
- PD Collingwood - 111
- TT Bresnan - 109
- GP Swann - 104
- ST Finn - 102
- CR Woakes - 89
- LE Plunkett - 88

HIGHEST STANDS

- 1 - 256* JJ Roy & AD Hales, v Sri Lanka, Edgbaston, 2016
- 2 - 250 AJ Strauss & IJL Trott, v Bangladesh, Edgbaston, 2010
- 3 - 213 GA Hick & NH Fairbrother, v West Indies, Lord's, 1991
- 4 - 226 AJ Strauss & A Flintoff, v West Indies, Lord's, 2004
- 5 - 226* EJG Morgan & RS Bopara, v Ireland, Dublin, 2013
- 6 - 150 MP Vaughan & GO Jones, v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, 2004/05
- 7 - 177 JC Buttler & AU Rashid, v New Zealand, Edgbaston, 2015
- 8 - 99* RS Bopara & SCJ Broad, v India, Old Trafford, 2007
- 9 - 100 LE Plunkett & VS Solanki, v Pakistan, Lahore, 2005/06
- 10 - 53 JM Anderson & ST Finn, v Australia, Brisbane, 2010/11

PINK

Ben's brace helps Unity win again

UNITY 101 are leading the way in Division 6 of the City of Southampton Sunday League with a 100 per cent record after three matches.

Their latest win was 3-0 victory over Nemesis with goals from Ben Ngwa (2) and Hassan Ahmady.

Park Gate Rangers, having lost their first two games, thrashed Meon Valley 10-1 with goals from Matt Veale (5), Elliot Gower (2), Lewis Martin, Aiden Martin and Jamie Deeney.

Dialam Fard and Craig Harper both struck twice as Southern Sports won 4-0 at Otter SFC, while Pawel Burdzy's brace gave Hamwic Rovers a 2-1 home victory over Riverside Rangers. Liam Cassidy replied.

Ryan treble as Sports march on

RYAN Williams struck a hat-trick as Southern Sports Reserves extended their 100 per cent start in Division 7 to three matches.

Sam Driscoll added a brace in their entertaining 5-4 win at AFC Southbridge, who had entered the game having also won their first two matches. Connor Cook (3) and Craig Holloway replied.

Niall Devereaux (2), Tom Farr (2) and Ed Barnes scored as Monfort defeated Michelmersh & Timsbury 5-2. Dan Norris twice replied.

Leon Course and Mike Hills scored as Empire drew 2-2 at home to Phoenix United, who replied through Jonathan Pipes and Will Meharg.

Tenwa Nthara fired AFC Mayflower Reserves into a half-time lead at AFC Itchen Reserves, but the hosts levelled through Nick England.

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Injury worries for England and the Windies



Chris Gayle

THE West Indies and England are beset by injury concerns as they plot their respective courses through the rest of the Royal London Series and then the Ashes.

The Windies, 1-0 down with three to play after Thursday's near washout no-result at Trent Bridge, have the most pressing issue as they wait to hear the result of scans on Chris Gayle's sore hamstring.

For England, it is not the well-being of their current white-ball squad but Ashes contenders which is furrowing management brows.

Seamer Toby Roland-Jones, an obvious contender on the back of his impressive maiden Test summer to be named in a squad due to be announced next week, has had a second set of scans on the back injury which curtailed his

involvement in Middlesex's Spec-savers Division One victory over Lancashire.

In the same match at Lord's, Haseeb Hameed then broke a finger on his right hand after being hit by James Harris - leaving England potentially with one option fewer to travel down under as a back-up opener.

The Windies, meanwhile, are still hoping Gayle will be back in time for the third one-day international in Bristol on Sunday - while England captain Eoin Morgan insists it will make the hosts' task no easier even if he is absent again.

Asked if it will be a relief if England do not have to bowl at the big-hitting opener again in the series, Morgan said: "I don't think so, no."

"As I mentioned at the start of

the series, the West Indies are probably a threat more so as a group than any individual they have within their team. Just because they're missing one player, it doesn't mean we'll take them any more lightly."

Gayle ended up in hospital having scans, instead of playing on his 38th birthday.

Windies coach Stuart Law said: "He said he didn't want to risk it, which is fair enough. If you do a hamstring at 38, it takes a bit longer to heal than when you're 18."

"We probably erred on the side of caution, which is probably the right thing, with three more games to play here."

"Fingers crossed, he'll be okay to take part in all those three."

The ODI series finishes at The Ageas Bowl next Friday.

Tauntons set for a relegation battle?

Mike Vimpany



PROMOTED two seasons ago, Richard Tauntons already look to have a fight for Hampshire Colleges League Premier survival on their hands.

Beaten 4-3 in their opener by champions Peter Symonds, a depleted RTC crashed 7-0 to Barton Peveril - with coach Tom Barge losing six of his side the night before the game.

BP cashed in and ran up a 3-0 half-time lead through Matt Rickman (2) and Jacob Harvey.

They added four more in the second half through England prospect Alex Haynes, Ollie Chambers, Nathan Jenvey and Matt Rickman, who completed his hat trick.

Whipping

Barton Peveril host Godalming at Chestnut Avenue in the national cup next Wednesday, noon.

Poole Grammar, beaten 4-1 at Itchen in their opener, enjoyed better success, whipping Andover 6-1, with George Heap (2), Kieron Denty (2), Ben Ballance and Jacob Castillo-Macpherson on target.

The goal theme continued at



Richard Tauntons College. Back (from left): Cyril Sithole, Efu Kazadi, Luke Sanders, Joe Wood, Nickoy Pinnock, Reshaine Dandridge, Hamad Haidar. Front: Zia Samadi, Kie Croissant, Elliot Perks, Ben Huckin, Bailey Grant, Arshia Sheibatzaadeh.

Farnborough, where last year's England Under-18 Cup winners routed Queen Mary's 7-1, with Scott Davies (2).

Jake Wilson, George Mahoney, Charlie Bushell, Jatin Rana, and Adam Leatherdale the scorers.

In the Championship, Barton Peveril and Bournemouth shared the spoils 4-4, while Peter Symonds seconds won 3-1 at Basingstoke and Farnborough beat Havant/Southdowns 3-0.

● There are no colleges fixtures

next Wednesday.

● Southampton Boys have been drawn away to Poole & East Dorset in the opening round of the English Schools' Under-15 Trophy, while Gosport & Fareham have home advantage against Reading.

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PINK

Sanchez grabs four as Itchen thump Durley

SANCHEZ McLean struck four times as Itchen Saints inflicted a first City of Southampton Sunday League Senior Division loss on Durley.

And what a loss it was, with Aiden Johnson, Mike Saunders and Rich Smith also scoring in a 7-0 away romp.

Itchen are the only side in the top flight still possessing a 100 per cent record, with leaders Chamberlayne having drawn one of their three games and won the other two.

Their latest win was a 9-1 drubbing of Boyatt Wood, which featured hat-tricks from Justyn Penfold and Charlie Parker. Lee Osborne, Martin Hall and Louis Lemessieur

also scored as Chamberlayne struck six times in the second half. Adam Shepherd replied.

● Division 4 leaders AFC Forestside lost their 100 per cent record when they went down 3-2 at home to Sholing Monks.

James Elmore (2) and Jason Munday netted for Sholing, who led 2-0 at the break. Sam Vidler and Davis Blake replied.

A.F.C. Stoneham beat Romsey Comrades 2-1 with goals from Peter Sleep and Lee Wilkinson. Jack Marshall replied.

Ollie Burroughs (2), Robbie Tyler and Jamie Brown scored as Athletico Romsey won 4-2 at Hedge End City. Ryan Dennis and

Sam Mansbridge replied.

● Hedge End Club are the early season Division 5 leaders after a 4-0 win at Netley Spitfire thanks to goals from Jake Bessant (2), Callum Fear and Lee Fuller.

Chandler's Ford Athletic came from 1-2 down at half-time to beat Chamberlayne Athletic A through goals from Tyler Gregory, Alex Waldron and Lee Farrant. Lewis Walsh and George Lucas had put the visitors in front.

Liam Harfield, Lee Gallop and Ryan Nobes scored as Whiteheart United triumphed 3-0 at Sporting Compass.

Warriors roll over in 24-0 thrashing

TESTLANDS Reserves showed no mercy to poor Southampton Warriors in the first round of the Southampton Sunday Junior A Cup.

Sean Haines led the rampage with seven goals as Testlands stormed to a remarkable 24-0 victory.

They scored 12 goals in each half, with Luca Cordeddu netting five times and Charlie Ford a hat-trick.

Further goals came from Asa Agrella (2), Ben Baddams (2), Ewan McCaffrey (2), Stephen McCrory, Dan Hughes and Joe O'Connell.

Portsmouth United let slip a 3-0 half-time lead to draw 4-4 at home to Eastpoint – but then spared their blushes by winning 7-6 on penalties.

Aaron Blaxall (2) and Sam Bessant (2) struck for Portsmouth, with Elliot Bassett, Andy Catterson (2) and Darren Brown replying.

Rob King struck a hat-trick as Mottisfont won 6-2 at Curbridge. Jason Gradidge (2) and Steven Frampton also netted with James Drewery and Dan Mitchelmore replying.

Chartwell Green defeated London Airways 4-1 thanks to goals from Simon Cocks, Frazer McLean, Will Fitzsimmons and Reeve Davis. Sam Cunningham replied.

A.F.C. Spitfire won 4-0 at Mayfield Rovers with first half goals from Damian Slawkowski, Neil Philpotts, Reece Badger and Martin Wilson.

Liam Hammond (2) and Jamie Betteridge netted as Winsor United progressed with a 3-1 success at Lordshill, Luke Fowler replying.



Saints owners Jisheng Gao and Katharina Liebherr in the stands during today's match at St Mary's Stadium, Southampton. MATCH REPORT AND PICTURES – SEE PAGES 2-5

Marchwood Rovers replied through Sam Johnstone (2), Matt Petty and Jamie Cooley in a 6-4 defeat at King George.

Hunters Inn beat Portside 4-3 with goals from Dan Hansford (2), Henry Rule and Bob Pearce.

● Fawley RBL romped into the second round of the Southampton FA Sunday Senior Cup with a 7-2 win at RS Nomansland.

Dean Lamb (2), Kieran Roche (2), Dan Fry and Shaun Auger were among the marksmen, with Ben Dawkins twice replying.

Testlands won 3-1 at AFC Soton with Dan Rogan, Taylor Edwards and an own goal on target. Aiden Collins replied.

● Ollie Dyer (2), Freddie Atterbury and Billy Morton netted as Forest Home won 4-3 at AFC

Itchen in the first round of the Southampton FA Sunday Junior B Cup. Roland Bryan (2) and Dan Collinson replied.

Jordan Amos hit a hat-trick and David Finnegan also scored as Tokyo came from behind to defeat Burrridge AFC 4-1. Callum Wookey, Connor Brown and Terry Peat scored as AFC Mayflower won 3-2 at Linden Tree. Dan Hawkins and Ben Bevis replied.

SUNDAY LEAGUE

City of Southampton Sunday League

Senior Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chamberlayne	3	2	1	0	12	3	7
Itchen Saints	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Durley	3	1	1	1	7	9	4
Boyatt Wood	3	1	1	1	5	12	4
A.F.C. Soton	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Fawley R.B.L.	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Nomansland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Testlands	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Clock Inn	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

Junior 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hunters Inn	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Bridge Manor	2	1	1	0	10	6	4
Lyndhurst Jnr	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Bitterne Ducks	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
A.F.C. Riverside	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Lordshill	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
King George	2	0	1	1	4	8	1
Winsor U.S.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastpoint	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Junior 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End	2	2	0	0	12	2	6
Portsmouth	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Chartwell Gr	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Marchwood	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
A.F.C. Spitfire	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Curbridge	2	1	0	1	2	5	3
Bedford Arms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chamberlayne	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Landguard	2	0	0	2	3	10	0

Junior 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mayfield Rov	2	2	0	0	15	2	6
O.T's & Roms	2	2	0	0	15	3	6
Mottisfont	2	2	0	0	10	7	6
Portside	2	1	1	0	9	5	4
Testland Res	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Royale Marine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Test Valley Sp	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
London Air	2	0	0	2	6	9	0
Dorchester	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Soton Warriors	2	0	0	2	1	22	0

Junior 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forestside	3	2	0	1	12	5	6
Stoneham	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Sholing Monks	3	1	1	1	4	6	4
Forest Home	2	1	0	1	6	4	3
Athletico Rom	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Nomansland	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Tokyo	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Hedge End City	3	1	0	2	6	9	3
Romsey Com	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

Junior 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hedge End	2	2	0	0	12	1	6
Chand Ford	3	2	0	1	13	9	6
Dingle Rovers	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
Mayflower	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Chamberlayne	2	1	0	1	8	5	3
Netley Spitfire	3	1	0	2	11	14	3
Whitehart	3	1	0	2	10	16	3
A.F.C. Itchen	2	1	0	1	5	12	3
Burrridge	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
Sporting Comp	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

Junior 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Unity 101	3	3	0	0	13	1	9
Otter S.F.C.	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
Southern Sp	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Hamwic	3	2	0	1	8	10	6
Park Gate	3	1	0	2	13	8	3
Riverside	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Nemesis	3	1	0	2	7	10	3
Linden Tree	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
Meon Valley	2	0	0	2	2	13	0

Junior 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southern Sp	3	3	0	0	21	6	9
Southbridge	3	2	0	1	15	14	6
Phoenix	3	1	1	1	8	7	4
Mayflower	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
Montfort	3	1	1	1	8	15	4
Empire	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Itchen Res	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Wilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M & T	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

September 24 fixtures

Senior Division: Clock Inn v RS Nomansland, Fawley RBL v AFC Soton, Itchen Saints v Chamberlayne Athletic, Testlands v Boyatt Wood.

Junior Division 1: Bitterne Ducks v Lyndhurst JFC, Eastpoint v Bridge Manor, Lordshill v Hunters Inn, Winsor United v King George.

Junior Division 2: AFC Spitfire v Marchwood Rangers, Bedford Arms v Curbridge, Chamberlayne Athletic Res v Portsmouth United, Landguard Rovers v Cutbush.

Junior Division 3: London Airways v AFC Dorchester, Mottisfont v Southampton Warriors, OT's & Roms v Portside, Royale Marine v Mayfield Rovers, Test Valley Spartans v Testlands Res.

Junior Division 4: RS Nomansland Res v Sholing Monks, Romsey Comrades v Hedge End City, Tokyo v AFC Stoneham.

Junior Division 5: AFC Mayflower v Chandler's Ford Athletic, Burrridge AFC v AFC Itchen, Chamberlayne Athletic A v Whiteheart United, Hedge End Club v Dingle Rovers, Sporting Compass v Netley Spitfires.

Junior Division 6: Meon Valley United v Linden Tree, Otter SFC v Nemesis, Riverside Rangers v Unity 101, Southern Sports v Park Gate Panthers.

Junior Division 7: AFC Itchen Res v Empire Phoenix United, AFC Southbridge v AFC Mayflower Res, M & T v Southern Sports Res, Wilton Wanderers v Montfort.

PINK LEAGUE FIXTURES 2017/18

SAINTS	CHERRIES	POMPEY	EASTLEIGH	POOLE
PREMIER LEAGUE	PREMIER LEAGUE	LEAGUE 1	NATIONAL LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST	AUGUST
12 Swansea (H) D 0-0	12 West Brom (A) L 0-1	5 Rochdale (H) W 2-0	5 Bromley (A) D 0-0	5 Weston SM (A) W 2-1
19 West Ham (H) W 3-2	19 Watford (H) L 0-2	12 Oxford United(A) L 0-3	8 Sutton United (H) W 1-0	8 Bognor Regis (H) D 2-2
26 Huddersfield (A) D 0-0	26 Manchester City(H) L 1-2	19 Walsall (H) D 1-1	12 Dagenham (H) D 2-2	12 East Thurrock (H) L 2-3
SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
9 Watford (H) L 0-2	9 Arsenal (A) L 0-3	16 Fleetwood (H) W 4-1	15 Woking (A) L 1-2	15 Chippenham (A) W 1-0
16 Crystal Palace (A) W 1-0	15 Brighton (H) W 2-1	12 Northampton (A) L 1-3	19 Tranmere (H) W 2-0	19 St Albans City (H) L 0-1
23 Manchester United (H) (A)	23 Everton (A) (H)	23 Scunthorpe (A) (H)	26 Leyton Orient(A) D 1-1	26 Bath City (A) L 0-1
30 Stoke (A)	30 Leicester (H)	26 Bristol Rovers (H)	28 Aldershot (H) D 0-0	28 Hungerford (H) L 1-2
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER
15 Newcastle (H)	14 Tottenham (A)	8 Gillingham (A)	2 Ebbsfleet (A) D 2-2	2 Whitehawk (A) D 2-2
21 West Brom (H)	21 Stoke (A)	14 MK Dons (H)	9 Guiseley (A) D 0-0	5 Hemel Hempstead(H) L 2-4
29 Brighton (A)	28 Chelsea (H)	17 Doncaster (A)	12 Maidstone (H) L 0-1	9 Welling United (A) L 0-2
NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
4 Burnley (H)	4 Newcastle (A)	21 Blackburn (A)	16 AFC Fylde (H) D 2-2	11 Wealdstone (A) L 1-4
18 Liverpool (A)	18 Huddersfield (H)	28 Bradford City (H)	21 Hartlepool (A)	23 Chelmsford City (H)
26 Everton (H)	25 Swansea (A)	NOVEMBER	24 Solihull Moors (H)	OCTOBER
29 Manchester City (A)	29 Burnley (H)	11 Blackpool (A)	28 Macclesfield (A)	7 Oxford City (A)
DECEMBER	DECEMBER	18 Southend (H)	NOVEMBER	14 Concord Rangers (H)
2 Bournemouth (A)	2 Southampton (H)	21 Peterborough (A)	11 Dover (A)	21 Havant & W (A)
10 Arsenal (H)	9 Crystal Palace (A)	25 Plymouth (H)	18 Barrow (H)	28 Gloucester City (H)
13 Leicester (H)	12 Manchester United (A)	DECEMBER	21 Maidenhead (H)	NOVEMBER
16 Chelsea (A)	16 Liverpool (H)	9 Charlton (A)	25 Halifax Town (A)	4 Eastbourne Borough (A)
23 Huddersfield (H)	23 Manchester City (A)	16 Bury (H)	DECEMBER	11 Braintree (H)
26 Tottenham (A)	26 West Ham (H)	23 Shrewsbury (A)	2 Sutton United (A)	18 Hampton & RB (A)
30 Manchester United (A)	30 Everton (H)	26 AFC Wimbledon (H)	9 Bromley (H)	DECEMBER
JANUARY	JANUARY	30 Northampton (H)	23 Dagenham (A)	2 Dartford (H)
1 Crystal Palace (H)	1 Brighton (A)	JANUARY	26 Torquay (H)	9 Weston Super-Mare (H)
13 Watford (A)	13 Arsenal (H)	1 Bristol Rovers (A)	30 Woking (H)	23 Bognor Regis Town (A)
20 Tottenham (H)	20 West Ham (A)	6 Fleetwood (A)	JANUARY	26 Truro City (H)
31 Brighton (H)	31 Chelsea (A)	13 Scunthorpe (H)	1 Torquay (A)	JANUARY
FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	20 Rotherham (A)	6 Guiseley (H)	1 Truro City (A)
3 West Brom (A)	3 Stoke (H)	27 Shrewsbury (H)	20 Maidstone (A)	6 Chippenham (H)
10 Liverpool (H)	10 Huddersfield (A)	FEBRUARY	27 Hartlepool (H)	13 East Thurrock (A)
24 Burnley (A)	24 Newcastle (H)	3 Doncaster (H)	FEBRUARY	20 Welling United (H)
MARCH	MARCH	10 MK Dons (A)	3 AFC Fylde (A)	27 Hemel Hempstead (A)
3 Stoke (H)	3 Leicester (A)	13 Blackburn (H)	10 Boreham Wood (H)	FEBRUARY
10 Newcastle (A)	10 Tottenham (H)	17 Southend (A)	17 Chester (A)	3 Gloucester City (A)
17 Swansea (A)	17 West Brom (H)	24 Blackpool (H)	20 Maidenhead (A)	10 Havant & W (H)
31 West Ham (A)	31 Watford (A)	MARCH	24 Halifax Town (H)	17 Eastbourne Borough (H)
APRIL	APRIL	3 Bradford City (A)	MARCH	24 Braintree (A)
7 Arsenal (A)	7 Crystal Palace (H)	10 Gillingham (H)	3 Barrow (A)	MARCH
14 Chelsea (H)	14 Liverpool (A)	17 Oldham (A)	10 Dover Athletic (H)	3 Hampton & RB (H)
21 Leicester (A)	21 Manchester United (H)	24 Oxford United (H)	17 Leyton Orient (H)	10 Dartford (A)
28 Bournemouth (H)	28 Southampton (A)	31 Walsall (A)	24 Tranmere (A)	17 Bath City (H)
MAY	MAY	APRIL	30 Ebbsfleet (H)	24 St Albans City (A)
5 Everton (A)	5 Swansea (H)	2 Wigan (H)	APRIL	30 Whitehawk (H)
13 Manchester City (H)	13 Burnley (A)	7 Rochdale (A)	2 Aldershot (A)	APRIL
		14 Plymouth (A)	7 Wrexham (H)	2 Hungerford (A)
		21 Charlton (H)	14 Gateshead (A)	7 Chelmsford City (A)
		28 Bury (A)	21 Macclesfield (H)	14 Wealdstone (H)
		MAY	28 Solihull Moors (A)	21 Concord Rangers (A)
		5 Peterborough (H)		28 Oxford City (H)



GOSPORT

SOUTHERN PREMIER

AUGUST

12 King's Lynn Town(A)	L 0-2
15 Slough Town (H)	L 1-5
19 Royston Town(H)	L 2-3
26 Tiverton Town(A)	L 0-2
28 Basingstoke Town(H)	L 0-8

SEPTEMBER

9 Biggleswade Town (A)	L 0-2
12 Farnborough (H)	L 2-4
23 Stratford Town	(A)
26 Kings Langley	(A)
30 Hitchin Town	(H)

OCTOBER

7 Bishop's Stortford	(H)
9 Dorchester Town	(A)
14 Merthyr Town	(A)
17 Banbury United	(H)
21 King's Lynn Town	(H)
24 Slough Town	(A)

NOVEMBER

4 St Neots Town	(H)
11 Frome Town	(A)
15 Farnborough	(A)
18 Dunstable Town	(H)
25 Kettering Town	(A)
28 Kings Langley	(H)

DECEMBER

2 Hereford	(H)
9 Redditch United	(A)
16 Chesham United	(H)
23 St Ives Town	(A)
26 Basingstoke Town	(A)

JANUARY

1 Weymouth	(H)
6 Royston Town	(A)
13 Tiverton Town	(H)
20 Bishop's Stortford	(A)
27 Dorchester Town	(H)

FEBRUARY

3 Banbury United	(A)
10 Merthyr Town	(H)
17 Hitchin Town	(A)
24 Statford Town	(H)

MARCH

3 Dunstable	(A)
10 Kettering Town	(H)
17 Redditch United	(H)
24 Hereford	(A)
31 Biggleswade Town	(H)

APRIL

2 Weymouth	(A)
7 St Ives Town	(H)
14 Chesham United	(A)
21 Frome Town	(H)
28 St Neots Town	(A)

AFC TOTTON

SOUTHERN WEST

AUGUST

12 Barnstaple Town(H)	W 3-1
15 Bishops Cleeve(A)	W 3-1
26 Slimbridge (H)	L 1-2
28 Salisbury (A)	L 0-2

SEPTEMBER

9 Yate Town (H)	W 5-0
16 Taunton Town (A)	L 1-2
23 Larkhall	(A)
26 North Leigh	(H)
30 Paulton Rovers	(H)

OCTOBER

14 Cinderford	(A)
21 Bideford	(H)
24 Swindon Supermarine	(A)

NOVEMBER

4 Kidlington	(A)
11 Mangotsfield	(H)
14 Didcot Town	(H)
18 Shortwood	(A)
25 Evesham United	(H)
28 Wimborne Town	(A)

DECEMBER

2 Cirencester Town	(H)
9 Bristol Manor Farm	(A)
16 Bishops Cleeve	(H)
23 Barnstaple Town	(A)
26 Salisbury	(H)

JANUARY

1 Winchester City	(A)
6 Taunton Town	(H)
13 Slimbridge	(A)
20 Mangotsfield	(A)
27 Kidlington	(H)

FEBRUARY

3 Larkhall Athletic	(H)
10 North Leigh	(A)
17 Cinderford Town	(H)
24 Paulton Rovers	(A)

MARCH

3 Swindon Supermarine	(H)
10 Bideford	(A)
17 Bristol Manor Farm	(H)
24 Cirencester Town	(A)
31 Yate Town	(A)

APRIL

2 Winchester City	(H)
7 Shortwood United	(H)
14 Didcot Town	(A)
21 Wimborne Town	(H)
28 Evesham United	(A)

WINCHESTER

SOUTHERN WEST

AUGUST

12 Shortwood (A)	W 4-2
15 Kidlington (H)	L 0-1
26 Larkhall (A)	W 2-1
28 Wimborne (H)	W 1-0

SEPTEMBER

9 Cirencester Town (A)	L 0-1
16 Paulton (H)	pp
23 Mangotsfield United	(H)
26 Didcot Town	(A)
30 Barnstaple Town	(A)

OCTOBER

14 Bristol Manor Farm	(H)
21 Taunton Town	(A)
24 Salisbury	(H)

NOVEMBER

4 Cinderford Town	(A)
14 Swindon Supermarine	(H)
18 Yate Town	(A)
28 North Leigh	(A)

DECEMBER

2 Evesham United	(H)
9 Slimbridge	(A)
16 Kidlington	(A)
23 Shortwood United	(H)
26 Wimborne Town	(A)

JANUARY

1 AFC Totton	(H)
6 Paulton Rovers	(A)
13 Larkhall Athletic	(H)
20 Bishops Cleeve	(A)
27 Cinderford Town	(H)

FEBRUARY

3 Mangotsfield United	(A)
10 Didcot Town	(H)
17 Bristol Manor Farm	(A)
24 Barnstaple Town	(H)

MARCH

3 Salisbury	(A)
10 Taunton Town	(H)
17 Slimbridge	(H)
24 Evesham United	(A)
31 Cirencester Town	(H)

APRIL

2 AFC Totton	(A)
7 Yate Town	(H)
14 Swindon Supermarine	(A)
21 North Leigh	(H)
28 Bideford	(A)

SALISBURY

SOUTHERN WEST

AUGUST

12 Mangotsfield (A)	W 5-0
15 Paulton Rovers(H)	D 2-2
26 North Leigh (A)	L 1-2
28 AFC Totton (H)	W 2-0

SEPTEMBER

9 Shortwood (A)	W 8-0
23 Yate Town	(A)
26 Swindon Supermarine	(H)
30 Bishops Cleeve	(H)

OCTOBER

14 Slimbridge	(A)
21 Evesham United	(H)
24 Winchester City	(A)

NOVEMBER

4 Barnstaple Town	(A)
11 Larkhall Athletic	(H)
14 Kidlington	(H)
18 Cinderford Town	(A)
25 Bristol Manor Farm	(H)
28 Didcot Town	(A)

DECEMBER

2 Bideford	(H)
9 Taunton Town	(A)
16 Paulton Rovers	(A)
23 Mangotsfield United	(H)
26 AFC Totton	(A)

JANUARY

1 Wimborne Town	(H)
6 Cirencester Town	(A)
13 North Leigh	(H)
20 Larkhall Athletic	(A)
27 Barnstaple Town	(H)

FEBRUARY

3 Yate Town	(H)
10 Swindon Supermarine	(A)
17 Slimbridge	(H)
24 Bishops Cleeve	(A)

MARCH

3 Winchester City	(H)
10 Evesham United	(A)
17 Taunton Town	(H)
24 Bideford	(A)
31 Shortwood United	(H)

APRIL

2 Wimborne Town	(A)
7 Cinderford Town	(H)
14 Kidlington	(A)
21 Didcot Town	(H)
28 Bristol Manor Farm	(A)

WIMBORNE

SOUTHERN WEST

AUGUST

12 Bishops Cleeve(H)	W 3-1
15 Didcot Town (A)	L 2-4
26 Yate Town (H)	W 4-2
28 Winchester City (A)	L 0-1

SEPTEMBER

2 Larkhall Athletic (H)	L 1-3
9 Bristol Manor Farm(H)	L 1-3
17 Evesham United (A)	W 2-1
30 Wimborne Town	(H)

OCTOBER

14 North Leigh	(A)
21 Swindon Supermarine	(H)
24 Paulton Rovers	(A)

NOVEMBER

4 Shortwood United	(H)
11 Cirencester Town	(A)
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DECEMBER

2 Barnstaple Town	(A)
9 Kidlington	(H)
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JANUARY

1 Salisbury	(A)
6 Evesham United	(H)
13 Yate Town	(A)
20 Cirencester Town	(H)
27 Shortwood United	(A)

FEBRUARY

3 Bideford	(H)
10 Larkhall Athletic	(A)
17 North Leigh	(H)
24 Cinderford Town	(A)

MARCH

3 Paulton Rovers	(H)
10 Swindon Supermarine	(A)
17 Kidlington	(A)
24 Barnstaple Town	(H)
31 Bristol Manor Farm	(A)

APRIL

2 Salisbury	(H)
7 Mangotsfield	(A)
14 Taunton Town	(H)
21 AFC Totton	(A)
28 Slimbridge	(H)

ODI cricket records

BEST BOWLING FOR ENGLAND

6-31 PD Collingwood, v Bangladesh, Trent Bridge, 2005
 6-45 CR Woakes, v Australia, Brisbane, 2010/11
 6-47 CR Woakes, v Sri Lanka, Palleske, 2014/15
 5-15 MA Ealham, v Zimbabwe, Kimberley, 1999/00
 5-19 A Flintoff, v West Indies, Gros Islet, 2008/09
 5-20 VJ Marks, v New Zealand, Wellington, 1983/84
 5-21 C White, v Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, 1999/00
 5-23 SCJ Broad, v South Africa Trent Bridge, 2008
 5-23 JM Anderson, v South Africa, Port Elizabeth, 2009/10
 5-26 RC Irani, v India, Oval, 2002
 5-27 AU Rashid, v Ireland, Bristol, 2017
 5-28 GP Swann, v Australia, Chester-le-Street, 2009
 5-29 CJ Jordan, v Sri Lanka, Old Trafford, 2014
 5-31 M Hendrick, v Australia, Oval, 1980
 5-32 MA Ealham, v Sri Lanka, Perth, 1998/99
 5-33 GA Hick, v Zimbabwe, Harare, 1999/00
 5-33 SJ Harmison, v Australia, Bristol 2005
 5-33 ST Finn, v India, Brisbane, 2014/15



Paul Collingwood.

HIGHEST ODI INNINGS EVER

264 - RG Sharma, India v Sri Lanka, Kolkata, 2014/15
 237* - MJ Guptill, New Zealand v West Indies, Wellington, 2014/15
 219 - V Sehwag, India v West Indies, Indore, 2011/12
 215 - CH Gayle, West Indies v Zimbabwe, Canberra, 2014/15
 209 - RG Sharma, India v Australia, Bangalore, 2013/14
 200* - SR Tendulkar, India v South Africa, Gwalior, 2009/10
 194 - Saeed Anwar, Pakistan v India, Chennai, 1996/97
 194* - CK Coventry, Zimbabwe v Bangladesh, Bulawayo, 2009
 189* - IVA Richards, West Indies v England, Old Trafford, 1984
 189 - ST Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka v India, Sharjah, 2000/01
 189* - MJ Guptill, New Zealand v England, The Ageas Bowl, 2013

MOST ODI RUNS IN CAREER

SR Tendulkar - 18,426
 KC Sangakkara - 14,234
 RT Ponting - 13,704
 ST Jayasuriya - 13,430
 DPMD Jayawardene - 12,650
 Inzamam-ul-Haq - 11,739
 JH Kallis - 11,579
 SC Ganguly - 11,363
 RS Dravid - 10,889



Botham: Why Cricket needs a transfer system



Sir Ian Botham

DURHAM chairman Sir Ian Botham has repeated his call for the England and Wales Cricket Board to introduce a transfer system so counties are compensated when they lose talented players they have helped develop through their academy system.

The former England all-rounder is unhappy Durham will lose Paul Coughlin after he rejected a new contract at his hometown club in favour of joining Nottinghamshire.

The 24-year-old academy graduate, who will not play again this season due to a side strain, has turned down fresh terms at Durham to sign a three-year deal at Trent Bridge.

Notts are close to securing promotion from County Championship Division Two, where Durham sit second bottom following a 48-point deduction for accepting a financial bailout from the ECB last October.

Botham said: "You take these boys away, we've then got to replace them. Where do we get the money to replace him? We are saying: 'You want our player, you pay us a transfer fee'."

Botham believes counties like Durham, who helped nurture current England all-rounder Ben Stokes, deserve to receive some form of compensation for the time and money they invest in helping players to develop.

Botham added: "It's the only way we can exist. We have an academy and we produce so many players for England, more than probably any other side since '93 when we came into first-class cricket, and it's sad we are taking two steps forward and three back."

"I'm not quite sure how (the ECB) expect us to do that. They need to wake up to what's going on."

Botham expects England Test opener Keaton Jennings to leave Durham over the winter but is more relaxed about that departure.

He said: "Keaton will go. He has been very honest about it and he's handled himself with dignity."

Boxing clever? Rio's in illustrious company

ENGLAND captain Rio Ferdinand has announced he is to attempt to become a professional boxer, with the ultimate aim of challenging for a title.

The 38-year-old, who retired from football in May 2015, is taking part in Betfair's 'Defender to Contender' project and will be training with former WBC super-middleweight champion Richie Woodhall.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of Ferdinand's predecessors in terms of pursuing pro boxing having competed in other sports.

CONOR MCGREGOR

UFC star McGregor's high-profile venture into boxing last month saw him stopped in the 10th round by Floyd Mayweather in Las Vegas.

SONNY BILL WILLIAMS

The New Zealand international in both rugby codes had seven professional heavyweight fights between 2009 and 2015, winning all of them (three by knockout).

ANDREW FLINTOFF

The ex-England cricketer had one professional fight, a heavyweight contest of four two-minute rounds against American Richard Dawson at Manchester Arena in 2012. Flintoff, who had trained under Barry and Shane McGuigan, was knocked to the canvas in the second but recovered to claim victory on points.

CURTIS WOODHOUSE

Former midfielder Woodhouse played for the likes of Sheffield United, Birmingham and Peterborough before beginning a pro



Wannabe boxer Rio Ferdinand poses for pictures this week.

boxing career in 2006 that has featured 30 bouts, 23 wins and a British light-welterweight title.

LEON MCKENZIE

Having played as a forward for clubs including Crystal Palace, Peterborough, Norwich and Coventry, McKenzie switched to boxing in 2013 and his record at

super-middleweight shows eight wins, two draws and a defeat.

LEO ROGET

Roget is another former footballer who made his ring debut in 2013, although it ended up being his only pro fight. The former Southend defender lost on points to fellow Briton Mitch Mitchell at

London's York Hall.

KATIE TAYLOR

Taylor played international football for the Republic of Ireland before going from lightweight gold at the London 2012 Olympics to her pro boxing career, which currently stands at six wins from six bouts.

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Highlights of the forthcoming racing week ...

ENABLE AIMING FOR ARC – All eyes will be on Chantilly on Sunday as hot favourite Enable shoots for Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe glory.

Winner of four Group Ones on the bounce, including the English and Irish Oaks, Enable has long headed the market for the 12-furlong European crown.

There will be no end of rivals for John Gosden's filly though, with International winner Ulysses and Aidan O'Brien's Order Of St George also set to feature in the British and Irish challenge, while Prix Foy hero Deschings Secret and Alain de Royer-Dupre's Zarak are other stars due to contest the main event.

SUPER SUNDAY - The Arc is the highlight of a stacked

Sunday card at Chantilly, with British viewers having the added bonus of ITV coverage.

Marsha is on course to defend her Prix de l'Abbaye title while Limato will once again go into bat in the Prix de la Forêt after winning last year.

Winter could be another star to feature in the Prix de l'Opera while the Prix Jean Luc Lagardere and the Prix Marcel Boussac are undoubtedly two of the key juvenile races of the year.

STARTER FOR 10 – Saturday's Chantilly card ensures Arc weekend starts with a bang as Ascot Gold Cup hero Big Orange could go head-to-head with French stayer Vazirabad in the Prix du Cadran.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CHARGE – The uber-competitive Bettfred Cambridgeshire is likely to provide most betting interest at Newmarket on Saturday, but the class is more likely to be on show in the Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes and Cheveley Park Stakes.

The first-named colts event could feature a rematch between Phoenix Stakes first and second, Sioux Nation and Beckford, while Aidan O'Brien appears to hold the whip hand in the fillies' event with Clemmie.

Added to the mix is the Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes, with Roaring Lion and Herculean two of the eye-catching contenders at this stage.

Mane absence a big blow to Reds

LIVERPOOL'S four-match winless run has highlighted concerns at both ends of the pitch.

But while Jurgen Klopp is "sick" of his side's defending, a failure to take their own chances is equally to blame.

Liverpool have taken 87 shots across the 5-0 defeat to Manchester City, draws with Sevilla in the Champions League and Burnley in the Premier League and Tuesday's Carabao Cup loss to Leicester.

Just a quarter of those, 22, have been on target, with only three goals to show for their efforts.

Saints fans no doubt know how Reds fans are feeling, though there is probably little sympathy!

Here, the Sports Pink analyses some of the key players and factors involved in Liverpool's dismal run in front of goal.

SADIO MANE

Liverpool endured a miserable spell last January with the ex-Saint away at the African Nations Cup, winning just once - against League Two Plymouth - in seven matches. Two of those were in the League Cup semi loss to Saints.

They have again struggled in his absence since his red card against Manchester City, though he did play 83 minutes against Sevilla before beginning his domestic suspension.

Mane has scored three league goals this season from 10 shots, and his recent absence is a significant factor in Liverpool's struggles.

PHILIPPE COUTINHO

As Mane disappeared from the line-up temporarily, Coutinho re-emerged following his summer transfer saga. Liverpool's numbers since then have shown the good and the bad of the playmaker's game.

His creative influence has been apparent, helping Liverpool pile



Liverpool have missed Sadio Mane's goals in recent games.

up 35 shots against Burnley and another 21 against Leicester.

His own share of those shots, though, demonstrates his penchant for low-percentage efforts from long range. Of 11 Coutinho strikes, mostly from outside the penalty area, only two have been on target - in keeping with a career record in the Premier League that sees only 31 per cent of his shots hitting the target and 7.5 per cent finding the net.

THE 'FALSE NINE'

Klopp typically sets his team up

without a traditional out-and-out frontman, with Roberto Firmino operating in the continental-style "false nine" position.

Firmino has at least scored during the four games in question, against Sevilla, though he also missed a penalty in that match and has hit the target with just two of his seven shots.

Liverpool's one established senior spearhead, Daniel Sturridge, has again been in and out of the team this season and his only appearance in the recent games was against Burnley, where three of his seven shots were on target.

'WHY IS HE SHOOTING?'

Even allowing for the lack of a main striker, Liverpool's shot distribution looks odd - holding midfielder Emre Can is alongside Coutinho on a team-high 11 attempts in the last four games.

Mohamed Salah has 10 - with six on target and two goals - but eight of the 87 shots have been shared between full-backs Alberto Moreno, Andy Robertson and Trent Alexander-Arnold with a further three from James Milner; another deep-lying midfielder.

BOOK REVIEW

Fearless Freddie
The Life and Times of Freddie Mills
By Christopher Evans

Sportsbookofthemonth.com
price: £17.99

Publishers invariably distribute their forthcoming titles with press releases to give the reviewer a flavour of what they've received. In the majority of cases, these are a tad too flowery and sensationalist which, ironically, often discourages the reviewer from reading the book. Others fail to give enough information, while certain publishers will send great lists of forthcoming tie-ins, be they in print, at the cinema or, the big no-no, on television.

The release accompanying Fearless Freddie starts in familiar fashion: it's an inspirational story of one man's rise from the backstreets of Bournemouth, hardly a gripping introduction.

Yet the line explaining that Mills' career started in the fairground boxing booths sounds interesting and after this, it gets a little better, coaxing the reviewer to press on.

In many respects, the press release mirrors Christopher Evans' book: it's a slow burner, peppered with both familiar tales and completely unexpected anecdotes.

Boxers are a breed apart and



stories of how they suffered injury are part-and-parcel of any boxing biography, primarily because inflicting pain on an opponent is their job. Mills too incurred serious injury, including a broken neck, but still managed to win a world title.

The search for unknown aspects of Mills' life take a while to uncover, but they're worth waiting for, such as details of his honeymoon with his wife, Chrissie, which was spent, in part at least, with Chrissie's ex-husband.

Then there's the conspiracy theories. Author Christopher Evans weaves a fine tale, telling of how the death of Mills' friend, Michael Holliday, triggered a chain of events that would result in Freddie too meeting his end. His association with the notorious Kray twins was well known, but Evans takes us deeper into their relationship, though perhaps not quite deep enough.

Mills met a grizzly end. Officially, he shot himself while sat in the back of his car in July 1965; the coroner recorded a suicide verdict, but Mills' family have never accepted this and suspect that his involvement with individuals who would make Tony Soprano look like Julie Andrews had more to do with his untimely demise.

Never judge a book by its press release: reading Fearless Freddie would confirm that.

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RESULTS

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

Burnley	0	Huddersfield	0
HT 0-0		Att 20,379	
Everton	2	AFC Bournemouth	1
Niasse 77.82		King 49	
HT 0-0		Att 38,133	
Leicester	1	Liverpool	1
HT 1-1			
Man City	5	Crystal P.	0
Sane 44, Sterling 51.59			
Aguiar 79, Delph 89			
HT 1-0		Att 53,526	
SAINTS	0	Man Utd	1
HT 0-0		Lukaku 20	
Stoke	0	Chelsea	4
HT 0-2		Morata 2.77, Pedro 30	
Swansea	1	Watford	2
Abraham 56		Gray 13	
HT 0-1		Richarlison 90	
West Ham	2	Tottenham Hotspur	3
Hernandez 65		Kane 34.38	
Kouyate 87		Att 69,988	
HT 0-2			

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	6	2	1	0	11	1	3	0	10	1	16
Man Utd	6	3	0	1	4	3	2	1	0	7	2
Chelsea	6	0	1	1	4	3	3	0	0	8	2
Tottenham	6	0	2	1	2	3	3	0	0	8	2
Watford	6	0	2	1	3	9	3	0	0	6	1
Newcastle	5	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	1	1
Huddersfield	5	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	2	2
Burnley	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	5	4
Liverpool	5	2	1	0	6	1	0	1	1	3	8
W.B.A.	5	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
SAINTS	6	1	1	2	3	5	1	1	0	1	0
Arsenal	5	2	0	0	7	3	0	1	2	0	5
Everton	6	0	2	1	3	4	0	1	0	2	1
Swansea	6	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	7
Stoke	6	1	1	1	3	6	0	1	2	2	4
Leicester	5	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	2	4	7
Brighton	6	0	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	2	1
West Ham	6	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	3	2	10
Bournemouth	6	1	0	2	3	5	0	0	3	1	6
Crystal P.	6	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	3	0	7

SkyBet Championship

A. Villa	0	L. Nottm For	0
HT 1-0			
Bolton	0	Brentford	3
HT 0-0		Barbet 38, Vennart 62	
Derby City	1	Birmingham	1
Winnall 67		Att 27,392	
Fulham	1	Middlesbrough	1
Kanara 86		Att 20,718	
Leeds Utd	3	Ipswich	0
Lasogga 13		McGoldrick 30	
Phillips 32, Bialkowski 67 og		Att 34,002	
HT 2-1			
Norwich	0	Bristol C	0
HT 0-0		Att 25,715	
Preston North End	0	Millwall	0
HT 0-0		Att 12,500	
Q.P.R.	0	Burton Albion	0
HT 0-0		Att 12,500	
Reading	1	Hull	1
Bohannon 28		Att 15,749	
Sunderland	1	Cardiff	0
Gooch 53 pen		Att 25,733	
HT 0-1			
Wolves	2	Barnsley	1
Enobakhare 80		Att 28,154	
N'Diaye 90			
HT 0-0			

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leeds Utd	9	3	2	0	10	2
Wolves	9	3	1	0	8	2
Cardiff	9	3	1	0	8	2
Preston	9	3	2	0	6	1
Middlesbrough	9	3	1	0	6	2
Ipswich	8	3	0	1	5	2
Sheff Utd	8	3	0	1	5	2
Bristol C	8	2	2	0	4	3
Sheff Wed	8	2	2	0	4	3
C.P.R.	9	3	2	0	8	4
Nottm For	8	2	0	2	4	5
Norwich	8	2	1	1	4	3
Fulham	8	2	1	1	5	3
Derby City	8	2	1	1	7	3
Millwall	9	2	1	1	9	5
A. Villa	8	1	3	0	5	1
Hull	9	2	1	1	1	1
Reading	8	1	2	1	4	4
Burton Albion	9	2	1	1	4	4
Barnsley	8	2	0	3	1	6
Sunderland	9	0	1	1	4	3
Birmingham	9	1	1	2	3	6
Bolton	9	0	0	5	3	12

SkyBet League One

Bristol R	3	Blackpool	1
Booth 40		Vassell 12	
HT 1-1		Att 8,431	
Charlton	1	Bury	0
Magennis 39		Att 9,895	
HT 1-1			
Fleetwood Town	2	Southend	4
Black 4, Cole 90		Ranger 45 pen, McClashan 87	
HT 1-3		Att 2,874	
Northampton	0	Bradford	1
HT 0-1		McMahon 34	
Oxford Utd	1	Walsall	2
Lesdon 78 pen		Att 6,355	
HT 0-1		Omlund 32	
Peterboro	3	Wigan	2
HT 0-1		T. Roberts 53	
Att 6,895			

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Kilmarnock	1	Dundee	1
Greer 64		Att 4,352	
HT 0-1			
Partick	0	Hearts	1
Spittal 18		Att 50,116	
HT 1-0			
Rangers	0	Celtic	2
HT 0-0		Rogic 50, Griffiths 65	
Ross Cnty	0	Hibernian	1
HT 0-1		Hanlon 13	
St Johnstn	2	Hamilton	1
MacLean 49		Docherty 24	
Att 8,895			

Morais 47.84, Marriot 90		Jacobs 33, Colough 87	
HT 0-1		Att 8,099	
Plymouth	0	Doncaster	3
HT 0-1		Butler 19, Marquis 60	
Rochdale	1	Gillingham	0
Henderson 24, Rafferty 26, Done 30		Att 8,510	
HT 2-0			
Rotherham	5	Oldham	1
Heavill 6		Davies 21	
Moore 73.78, Forde 87, Yates 89		Att 8,250	
HT 1-1			
Scunthorpe	2	POMPEY	0
Novak 12, Holmes 33		Att 4,685	
HT 0-0		Dack 85	
Shrewsbury	1	Blackburn	1
Nesita 57		Att 8,022	
HT 0-0			

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shrewsbury	9	4	1	0	7	3
Peterboro	9	4	0	1	10	7
Bradford	9	3	0	1	6	3
Wigan	9	3	1	0	9	2
Scunthorpe	9	2	2	1	4	2
Blackpool	9	4	0	0	7	2
Charlton	9	3	1	1	8	6
Rotherham	9	4	0	1	18	6
Blackburn	9	1	0	2	5	5
Fleetwood Tn	9	2	1	1	11	8
M.K.Dons	9	2	1	1	5	4
Oxford Utd	9	2	2	1	10	5
Walsall	9	2	2	0	8	6
Bristol R	9	2	0	2	11	10
POMPEY	9	2	1	1	7	3
Southend	9	1	3	0	5	4
Doncaster	9	0	3	1	3	4
Rochdale	9	2	2	1	6	5
Wimbleton	9	1	1	3	3	6
Northampton	9	2	0	3	3	6
Bury	9	1	1	2	3	4
Gillingham	9	1	1	2	5	6
Plymouth	9	1	0	4	3	11
Oxford	9	0	1	0	4	10

SkyBet League Two

Acc Stanley	1	Cheltenham	1
Jackson 39		Eisa 37	
HT 1-1		Att 1,321	
Barnet	1	Crawley	2
Akinola 65		Smith 63.89	
HT 0-0		Att 1,602	
Colchester	1	Wycombe	2
Hartson 43		Mackall-Smith 67	
HT 0-0		Att 3,562	
Coventry	2	Exeter	0
Granger 13.48 pen, Raynes 72 og		Att 1,672	
HT 0-0			
Crewe	0	Carlisle	0
McGoldrick 30		Lambie 75	
HT 0-0		Att 4,021	
Luton	1	Chesterfield	0
Hylton 53		Att 7,575	
HT 0-0			
Mansfield	2	Cambridge	1
Mellis 65 pen		Lege 58	
Rose 87		Att 12,814	
HT 0-0			
Newport County	1	Grimsby	0
Amund 63		Att 3,356	
HT 0-0			
Notts Cnty	4	Lincoln City	0
Stead 39		Anderson 47	
Toolie 55, Grant 71, Hawridge 88		Att 11,672	
HT 0-1			
Stevenage	2	Morecambe	1
Godden 27		Old 36	
Woolton 66		Att 1,996	
HT 0-0			
Yeovil	1	Port Vale	1
Khan 66		Pope 29	
HT 0-1		Att 2,614	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Notts Cnty	9	4	0	0	6	0
Exeter	9	4	0	0	6	0
Luton	9	4	0	1	14	5
Acc Stanley	9	3	1	1	10	6
Mansfield	9	3	2	0	10	4
Coventry	9	4	0	1	8	1
Swindon	9	1	1	2	5	10
Newport Co	9	2	2	1	10	8
Stevenage	9	2	2	1	10	8
Wycombe	9	1	1	2	8	9
Cambridge	9	2	1	1	4	3
Lincoln City	9	1	2	1	5	3
Grimsby	9	2	0	2	5	6
Barnet	9	2	0	3	6	6
Carlisle	9	1	1	1	8	10
Crewe	9	2	2	2	9	10
Crawley	9	1	0	3	3	5
Morecambe	9	2	0	2	5	6
Yeovil	9	2	3	0	8	5
Colchester	9	2	2	1	11	6
Cheltenham	9	2	0	2	7	6
Port Vale	9	0	1	1	2	4
Chesterfield	9	1	1	2	4	6
Forest Grm	9	1	1	3	7	11

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Kilmarnock	1	Dundee	1
Greer 64		Att 4,352	
HT 0-1			
Partick	0	Hearts	1
Spittal 18		Att 50,116	
HT 1-0			
Rangers	0	Celtic	2
HT 0-0		Rogic 50, Griffiths 65	
Ross Cnty	0	Hibernian	1
HT 0-1		Hanlon 13	
St Johnstn	2	Hamilton	1
MacLean 49		Docherty 24	
Att 8,895			

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	7	2	1	0	9	2
St Johnstn	7	3	1	0	8	3
Aberdeen	6	2	1	0	5	2
Hibernian	7	1	1	1	6	8
Rangers	7	1	1	2	6	8
Monterwell	6	3	0	1	7	3
Hearts	6	0	1	0	10	0
Hamilton	7	1	0	2	5	6
Dundee	7	1	1	1	5	5
Ross City	7	0	1	3	3	7
Kilmarnock	7	0	2	3	4	8
Partick	6	0	1	2	5	7

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Brechin	0	Dunfermline	3
		Ashroft 28, McManus 55	
HT 0-0		Clark 70	
Dumbarton	2	Inverness CT	1
Froylax 47, Wardrop 83		Att 1,214	
HT 0-1		Ball 8	
Dundee Utd	2	Morton	1
Kearns 65, McDonald 83		McHugh 75	
HT 0-0		Att 5,569	
Falkirk	0	Livingston	2
		Mullen 47	
HT 0-0		Mullen 53	Att 4,091

	HOME					AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dunfermline	7	3	0	0	11	2	1	2	1	1	10	4	16
Dundee Utd	7	3	1	0	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	14
St Mirren	6	3	0	0	10	3	1	2	1	2	4	4	11
Livingston	7	0	2	1	4	6	3	1	0	8	3	3	14
Morton	2	0	2	1	7	4	1	2	1	4	4	11	10
Queen's Park	6	2	0	1	6	3	1	1	1	7	5	5	10
Stirling Albion	7	2	1	1	4	6	0	2	2	1	3	9	9
Inverness CT	7	0	1	2	2	5	1	0	3	8	11	4	11
Falkirk	7	0	2	2	2	7	0	1	2	3	7	3	9